

R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION

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ELIZABETH SINES, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No.

v.

3:17-cv-00072-NKM

JASON KESSLER, et al.,

Defendants.

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VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF  
ROBERT (IKE) BAKER, f/n/a ISAACS  
McKee, Kentucky  
Friday, June 12, 2020

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R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

June 12, 2020

9:36 a.m.

Videoconference Deposition of ROBERT (IKE)

BAKER, f/n/a ISAACS, held remotely, before Deborah C. Furey, a Registered Professional Reporter, Certified LiveNote Reporter, and Notary Public of the states of Ohio and Kentucky.

R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

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1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning  
3 counselors, my name is Lem Lattimer. I'm a  
4 legal videographer in association with TSG  
5 Reporting.

6 Due to the severity of COVID-19 and  
7 following the practice of social distancing,  
8 I will not be in the same room with the  
9 witness. Instead, I will record this  
10 videotaped deposition remotely.

11 The reporter, Deborah Furey, also will  
12 not be in the same room and will swear the  
13 witness in remotely.

14 Do all parties stipulate to the validity  
15 of this video recording and remote swearing,  
16 and that it will be admissible in the  
17 courtroom, as if it had been taken following  
18 the Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil  
19 Procedure and the state's rules where this  
20 case is pending.

21 MR. JONES: Yes.

22 MR. CAMPBELL: I agree to the  
23 stipulation, as well.

24 THE WITNESS: I'll agree to the  
25 stipulation also.

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2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the start of  
3 media labeled Number 1 of the video recorded  
4 deposition of Robert Baker, in the matter of  
5 Elizabeth Sines, et al. vs. Jason Kessler,  
6 et al, on June the 12th, 2020 at approximately  
7 9:35 a.m.

8 All appearances are noted on the record.

9 Will the court reporter please swear in  
10 the witness?

11 R O B E R T (I K E) B A K E R,

12 called as a witness, having been first  
13 duly sworn by a Notary Public, was  
14 examined and testified as follows:

15 EXAMINATION

16 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

17 Q. Would you please state and spell your  
18 name for the record?

19 A. Would you repeat that, please?

20 Q. Would you please state your name and  
21 spell it for the record?

22 A. Robert Baker, R-o-b-e-r-t, Baker,  
23 B-a-k-e-r.

24 Q. Good morning, Mr. Baker. My name is  
25 Amanda Liverzani. I'm with the law firm Cooley,

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 LLC, and I represent the plaintiffs in Sines v.  
3 Kessler.

4 Have you ever been deposed before?

5 A. One time many years ago.

6 Q. What case was that for?

7 A. It was a credit matter when I lived in  
8 another state, some time in the very early 1980s.

9 Q. And were you a party in that case?

10 A. Yes, I was.

11 Q. Did you testify on your own behalf?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. Have you ever testified in court?

14 A. Never.

15 Q. The court reporter is transcribing  
16 everything that is being said, so please speak  
17 slowly and clearly so the court reporter can  
18 record everything that is said.

19 Do you understand?

20 A. Yes, I do.

21 Q. Please wait until I finish my question  
22 before you begin to answer, so it's easier for the  
23 court reporter to take down what everybody is  
24 saying.

25 It's important that you give verbal

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 responses so that the court reporter can record  
3 them.

4 Do you understand?

5 A. Yes, I do.

6 Q. If you don't understand a question as I  
7 phrased it, please let me know and I'll do my best  
8 to rephrase it.

9 If you don't tell me that you don't  
10 understand, I'll assume that you do understand.

11 Does that make sense?

12 A. Yes, it does.

13 Q. There may be objections from counsel  
14 here today or on the telephone, and these  
15 objections are for the record. You still must  
16 answer the question, even if you don't like the  
17 question.

18 Do you understand?

19 A. Yes, I do.

20 Q. Do you understand that you're sworn to  
21 tell the truth at this deposition today?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. Is there any reason why you would not be  
24 able to testify truthfully and accurately?

25 A. No, there is not.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we please put Tab 1  
3 on the screen?

4 (Exhibit 1 First Amended Complaint,  
5 Elizabeth Sines, et al., vs. Jason  
6 Kessler, et al., no Bates stamps,  
7 was marked for the purposes of  
8 identification.)

9 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you please scroll  
10 down?

11 This will be Exhibit 1 on the record.

12 Q. Mr. Baker, do you recognize this  
13 document?

14 A. Am I expected to be reading this?

15 Q. Would you please scroll up to the first  
16 page?

17 A. I believe I can surmise what it is, but  
18 I have never seen it before.

19 Q. This is the second (sic) amended  
20 complaint in this case.

21 Have you read this document?

22 A. No, I have not.

23 Q. Has anyone shown it to you before now?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Are you familiar with this litigation,



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2 Sines v. Kessler?

3 A. Please define "familiar" for me.

4 Q. Prior to being noticed for this  
5 deposition, were you aware of the case?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How did you become aware of the case?

8 A. It's fairly widespread knowledge.

9 Q. Did you learn about it from another  
10 defendant in this case?

11 A. I don't recall where I learned about it.  
12 But, by taking your definition of familiar, I  
13 would say I am familiar.

14 Q. Do you know any of the defendants in  
15 this case personally?

16 A. Here again, I'm going to ask you to  
17 define "know."

18 Q. Have you previously spoken to any of the  
19 defendants in this case?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you speak with them about this  
22 lawsuit?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did you do anything to prepare for  
25 today's deposition?

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2 A. I spoke with our attorney, Mr. Jones.

3 Q. How many times did you speak with him?

4 A. We had three conversations.

5 Q. And approximately how long were those  
6 conversations?

7 A. I would say the first one was reasonably  
8 short, probably no more than ten minutes. The  
9 second was possibly 20 minutes. The third was --  
10 I would say on the order of 30 minutes.

11 Q. Did you review any documents in  
12 preparation for this deposition?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Can you please state your full legal  
15 name?

16 A. Robert Isaac Shelby Baker.

17 Q. Have you ever had a different legal  
18 name?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What was that?

21 A. Robert Isaacs.

22 Q. What prompted you to change your name?

23 A. The reason I gave on the petition is the  
24 reason I chose to do it, I wanted to pay honor to  
25 an ancestor of that name.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Have you ever gone by any other names or  
3 aliases?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Any nicknames?

6 A. The name that was described earlier,  
7 Ike.

8 Q. Where did you grow up, Mr. Baker?

9 A. Do you mean what state?

10 Q. Yes.

11 A. Partly in Kentucky, partly in Florida.

12 Q. Have you ever lived anywhere else, aside  
13 from Kentucky and Florida?

14 A. No.

15 Q. You've never lived in Charlottesville,  
16 Virginia, correct?

17 A. That is correct.

18 Q. What is the highest level of education  
19 you've received?

20 A. Some college.

21 Q. Where did you go to college?

22 A. South Florida.

23 Q. And what did you study there?

24 A. General studies.

25 Q. Did you graduate?

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2 A. No.

3 Q. What do you do for work currently?

4 A. I'm self-employed.

5 Q. What's the nature of your employment?

6 A. I raise cattle.

7 Q. Have you ever served in the military?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What branch?

10 A. The Marine Corps.

11 Q. What were your ranks?

12 A. I successfully fulfilled every  
13 contractual obligation that I accepted to the U.S.  
14 military and I received an honorable discharge.

15 Q. Did you serve overseas?

16 A. I successfully fulfilled every  
17 obligation of the contracts to the U.S. military  
18 and I received an honorable discharge.

19 Q. Are you declining to answer whether you  
20 served overseas?

21 A. I successfully fulfilled every  
22 obligation that I incurred to the U.S. military  
23 and I received an honorable discharge.

24 Q. Were you ever written up or disciplined  
25 during your time at in the military?

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2 A. I success fulfilled my obligations to  
3 the U.S. military and I received an honorable  
4 discharge.

5 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we please pull up  
6 Tab Number 7? Ms. Ruse, if you could show  
7 Tab 7-A.

8 (Exhibit 2 Plaintiffs, 2019 Podcast  
9 Audio and Transcript, Baker,  
10 Website Christogenea, no Bates  
11 stamps, was marked for the purposes  
12 of identification.)

13 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

14 Q. Mr. Baker, did you appear on a podcast  
15 for the website Christogenea in 2019?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. I'm going to play a portion of that  
18 podcast for you and I'm also going to put a  
19 transcript on the screen as a demonstrative, so we  
20 can easily see what is spoken.

21 If you disagree with anything that's in  
22 the transcript on the screen, please let us know.

23 Do you understand?

24 A. Yes.

25 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can we please

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 play Clip 7-B. And the corresponding  
3 transcript is 7-B, as well.

4 (Audio recording played as follows:)

5 "I recall living in a squad bay at base  
6 in California where we had a common laundry  
7 area between two big squad bays. That's a  
8 barracks, in other words, and you were  
9 responsible for doing your own laundry. No  
10 big deal. And I went in there one evening  
11 and some of my laundry was missing. Okay.  
12 Well, you know, thieves are everywhere,  
13 right. A day later I seen this buck,  
14 this useless, sullen-faced, dead-eyed  
15 nigger wearing my T-shirt from a gym in my  
16 hometown. This is an incredible  
17 coincidence. I, of course, confronted  
18 him and he swore because they lie like they  
19 breathe that his daddy had got him that and  
20 what city is it from. He didn't know, it  
21 said it right on it. I ripped it off him,  
22 ended up that was one of my first of  
23 several write-ups."

24 Q. Is that you speaking, Mr. Baker?

25 A. Yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. By "useless, sullen faced, dead-eyed  
3 nigger," were you referring to an African  
4 American?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And when you say, "lie like they  
7 breathe" -- I'm sorry.

8 When you say, "He swore, because they  
9 lie like they breathe," are you referring to  
10 African Americans?

11 A. I don't recall what was in my mind when  
12 I said that on that podcast.

13 Q. Is it correct, Mr. Baker, that you were  
14 reprimanded in the military for assaulting an  
15 African American man?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Have you ever been arrested?

18 A. One time as an adult, one time as a  
19 juvenile.

20 Q. What were you arrested for as a  
21 juvenile?

22 A. Which time?

23 Q. Were you arrested multiple times when  
24 you were a juvenile?

25 A. Oh, I misunderstood. I didn't hear you

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 say juvenile.

3 I don't recall what the specific charge  
4 was, but the incident was riding around with some  
5 friends while we were skipping school, the morning  
6 after a football jamboree, in the spring of -- I  
7 believe it was 1977.

8 Q. What were you arrested for when you were  
9 an adult?

10 A. I encountered a sheriff's deputy in Palm  
11 Beach County, Florida, and unbeknownst to me,  
12 there was a warrant for me, stemming from an  
13 incident that happened in Deerfield Beach,  
14 Florida. I had committed assault, and I was  
15 arrested and bonded out the next morning, and I --  
16 the charges were dropped eventually.

17 Q. Who was the individual you allegedly  
18 assaulted?

19 A. I don't recall his name. It happened at  
20 a roller skating rink. This was many years ago,  
21 so my memory may not be flawless.

22 He had -- while I was in the men's room,  
23 he had induced my girlfriend at the time to skate  
24 with him on the skating floor. And in the process  
25 of showing off, he knocked her down and she was



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2 unconscious. And I committed a simple assault.

3 Interestingly, I did it in the presence  
4 of two or three sheriff's deputies. They did not  
5 detain me at all.

6 However, the individual did swear out a  
7 warrant against me, which I was not aware of for  
8 probably a two-year period, because I don't  
9 actually have adverse encounters with law  
10 enforcement very often.

11 Q. Are you familiar with the organization  
12 League of the South?

13 A. Please repeat that? I missed the  
14 beginning.

15 Q. Are you familiar with the organization  
16 League of the South?

17 A. Here again, I'm going to ask for a  
18 simple clarification of "familiar," ma'am.

19 Q. Have you heard of League of the South?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Are you a member of the League?

22 A. I'm going to ask you to clarify  
23 "member."

24 Q. Are you affiliated with the league in  
25 any way?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you describe the nature of your  
4 affiliation?

5 A. Based on your clarification, I'm a  
6 member.

7 Q. Do you hold any formal role in the  
8 league?

9 A. Currently I do.

10 Q. What is that role?

11 A. Chief of operations.

12 Q. When did you become chief of operations?

13 A. I believe it was September of 2017.

14 Q. Did you have a position in the League  
15 before that?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Who appointed you chief of operations?

18 A. Michael Hill.

19 Q. Did you report to anyone as chief of  
20 operations?

21 A. I'm going to ask you the clarify  
22 "report," please.

23 Q. Did you receive assignments from anyone  
24 as chief of operations?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. Who did you receive assignments from?

3 A. Michael Hill.

4 Q. When you completed those assignments,  
5 did you report back to Mr. Hill?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. While you were in the process of doing  
8 those assignments, did you report on the progress  
9 to Mr. Hill?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Is there anyone else at the League that  
12 you report to?

13 A. Not formally, although as a courtesy,  
14 yes.

15 Q. And who were those individuals?

16 A. Michael Tubbs.

17 Q. Anyone else?

18 A. No.

19 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you please pull up  
20 Tab 3?

21 (Exhibit 3 Plaintiffs, Core Beliefs  
22 Statement of the League of the  
23 South, 6-1-2020, no Bates stamps,  
24 was marked for the purposes of  
25 identification.)

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2 (Discussion held off the record.)

3 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

4 Q. So this is Tab 3 what will be Exhibit 3.

5 Do you recognize this document?

6 A. No, I actually do not.

7 Q. Are you familiar with the League of the  
8 South's website?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. This is a screen capture from the League  
11 of the South website, and the page is the "Core  
12 Relief statement of the League of the South."

13 Are you familiar with the League of the  
14 South's core relief statement?

15 A. I've never actually seen this before.

16 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we please scroll  
17 down?

18 Q. I can direct your attention to the first  
19 paragraph, the bolded text, which says, "The  
20 League of the South adopted the following  
21 statement of purpose: 'We seek to advance the  
22 cultural, social, economic and political  
23 well-being and independence of the Southern people  
24 by all honorable means.'"

25 A. It just came into focus, I see it now.

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2 Yes, I am familiar with that phrase, I just had  
3 never seen it on this page.

4 Q. Do you agree that that is the mission of  
5 the League of the South?

6 A. Speaking for myself, yes.

7 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that  
8 Michael Hill does not hold those beliefs?

9 A. I can only speak for myself. I can't  
10 speak for Michael Hill.

11 Q. Do you have any reason to believe the  
12 League of the South does not embody these beliefs?

13 A. Again, I can only speak for myself. I  
14 cannot speak for an organization or any other  
15 individual.

16 Q. And if an individual was to approach you  
17 and ask you what the mission of the League of the  
18 South is, what would you say?

19 A. I would probably simply give our motto  
20 which is for the southern people.

21 Q. Who are the southern people?

22 A. Generally speaking, I need you to define  
23 southern people for me, please, so I know what it  
24 is you're asking for.

25 Q. You just said that when you told people

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 the purpose of the League of the South, it was --  
3 I'm sorry -- I don't have the record in front of  
4 me.

5 Could the court reporter please read  
6 back the record of Mr. Hill's answer?

7 MS. LIVERZANI: Off the record.

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 9:57 a.m. We're  
9 off the record.

10 (Recess taken from 9:57 a.m. to  
11 10:02 a.m.)

12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 10:02  
13 a.m. We're on the record.

14 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

15 Q. Mr. Baker, a moment ago I asked you if  
16 an individual was to approach you and ask you what  
17 the mission of the League of the South is, what  
18 would you say.

19 Your response was, "I would probably  
20 simply give our motto which is for the southern  
21 people."

22 Was that your testimony?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What are the southern people?

25 A. Southern people, to me as an individual,

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 are the descendents of the founding stock of the  
3 American southeastern states. That would be my  
4 answer.

5 Q. What do you mean by "founding stock"?

6 A. The individuals who came here from  
7 across the ocean and settled the wilderness and  
8 founded a civilization.

9 Q. Can you please pull up Tab 4, which will  
10 also be Exhibit 4?

11 (Exhibit 4 Plaintiffs, The League  
12 on Unite the Right, 8-13-18, no  
13 Bates stamps, was marked for the  
14 purposes of identification.)

15 Q. I want to direct your attention to the  
16 fourth paragraph.

17 Are you able to see that, Mr. Baker?

18 A. Is that the paragraph that begins "A  
19 case in point"?

20 Q. It's the one below that, that begins --

21 A. Okay. I didn't count as you scrolled.  
22 So it's the paragraph that begins "Some on both"?

23 Q. Yes. Can you please read that?

24 A. Oh, God. I'm reading it now.

25 Okay. I've read it.

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2 Q. The sentence starting with "Rather"?

3 A. The sentence starting with what?

4 Q. "Rather."

5 A. "Rather," I see it.

6 Q. It says, "Rather, we see ourselves as  
7 the heart and soul of the Hard Right."

8 Is "we" there referring to the League of  
9 the South?

10 A. I can't speak to what that means. I  
11 didn't write this.

12 Q. As a member of the League of the South,  
13 do you generally believe in the same ideas that  
14 the League does?

15 A. Which ideas are you speaking of?

16 Q. Mr. Baker, do you share any beliefs with  
17 the League of the South?

18 A. I would say that I do, yes.

19 Q. And what beliefs do you share with the  
20 League of the South?

21 A. To promote the interest of the southern  
22 people by all honorable means possible.

23 MS. LIVERZANI: If you'll scrawl down --  
24 oh, you don't need to scroll down.

25 Q. The bottom of the exhibit says, "Michael



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Hill."

3 That is an individual you report to at  
4 the League of the South, correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Michael Hill wrote this post on the  
7 League of the South website, is that correct?

8 A. It's his name at the bottom. I'm going  
9 to assume that he did. I don't recall seeing  
10 this.

11 Q. Do you have any reason to believe  
12 Michael Hill did not write this post on the League  
13 of the South website, with his name on the bottom  
14 of the page?

15 A. I'm not asserting that he didn't write  
16 this. I'm just informing you that I'm not  
17 familiar with this.

18 Q. Mr. Baker, that wasn't the question.  
19 The question is: Do you have any reason  
20 to believe that he did not write it?

21 A. No.

22 Q. So when it says, "Rather, we see  
23 ourselves as the heart and soul of the Hard Right,  
24 an uncompromising movement of real blood and soil,  
25 Southern/White nationalists who will not

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 compromise our vision of a Southern homeland for  
3 Whites. To us, Dixie is and should be White Man's  
4 Land. We are firm on the Negro question and the  
5 Jew question. And we make no apologies to anyone  
6 for what we believe or what we seek to accomplish  
7 for our people."

8 Is that a view that the League of the  
9 South holds?

10 A. I know you asked me something to do with  
11 what I think it is. I didn't catch the last  
12 question. I'm sorry.

13 Would you repeat that?

14 Q. Is that statement a view of the League  
15 of the South?

16 A. Ma'am, I can't speak for the League of  
17 the South, I can only speak for myself as an  
18 individual.

19 Q. Do you hold those views?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What is the Jewish question?

22 A. I don't know that phrase. I can't  
23 answer that. That's not a phrase that I  
24 personally use, so I don't know how that's meant.

25 Q. Are you aware that "Jewish question" is

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2 a phrase that was used by the Nazi party?

3 A. No, I wasn't.

4 Q. Are you aware that "blood and soil" is  
5 also a phrase that was used by the Nazi party?

6 A. No, I wasn't.

7 Q. Do you consider the League anti-semitic?

8 A. Please define "anti-semitic."

9 Q. Do you believe that the League is  
10 hostile towards Jews?

11 A. I'm going to have to ask you to define  
12 "hostile."

13 Q. Do you believe the League has negative  
14 views of Jews?

15 A. I don't know.

16 Q. Do you have negative views of Jews?

17 A. No.

18 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we please pull up  
19 Tab 5, which will be Exhibit 5?

20 (Exhibit 5 Plaintiffs, Video and  
21 Transcript, Michael Hill burning  
22 Israeli flag and Talmud, likely  
23 August 2018 in Tennessee, was  
24 marked for the purposes of  
25 identification.)

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2 MS. LIVERZANI: The video, please,  
3 Ms. Ruse.

4 (Video played as follows:)

5 "We are here tonight as the League of  
6 the South to put three items to the flame;  
7 into the ovens of justice.

8 "One is this insidious star of Remphan  
9 the symbol of the Jew.

10 "The second is the communist manifesto  
11 written by Jew Karl Marx, which was  
12 responsible for the deaths of over a hundred  
13 million people in the 20th century.

14 "And the Talmud, the blueprint for  
15 international Jewry's plan to rid the world of  
16 the white race. All of these will be  
17 consigned to the flames of justice tonight.

18 "A hundred and nine times in the history  
19 of the world the Jew has been banished from  
20 our midst. Lord, we ask that you make number  
21 110, come soon for our Southland.

22 "We also father ask you to reveal to the  
23 world that hoax that the Jew has been  
24 perpetrating now for 80 years; something  
25 called the Holocaust, which is nothing but a

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2 con game based on all three of these symbols.

3 "We consign these to the holy fire of  
4 these ovens. For the Gentiles of the world  
5 we stand for the white race against all of our  
6 enemies, particularly the Jew, and all of  
7 these symbols represent that enemy, and we  
8 consign them to these flames tonight."

9 (Video stopped.)

10 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

11 Q. Mr. Baker, have you seen that video  
12 before?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Is the individual speaking Michael Hill?

15 A. Yes.

16 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you pull  
17 the video back up? That's okay. You can just  
18 leave the first frame.

19 (Video displayed.)

20 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

21 Q. Mr. Baker, do you recognize any other  
22 individuals in this image?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Could you please identify them, starting  
25 from the left?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. The only other one I know by name  
3 besides Michael Hill is the second man from the  
4 left. He looks very familiar to me.

5 Q. Do you know who it is?

6 A. I think I do.

7 Q. Who is it?

8 A. That would be me.

9 Q. Is Michael Hill wearing a League of the  
10 South polo shirt?

11 A. It appears so.

12 Q. Are the other men, including yourself,  
13 wearing League of the South polo shirts?

14 A. That also appears so.

15 Q. Is Mr. Hill wearing a League of the  
16 South hat?

17 A. Yes, that also appears so.

18 Q. The gentlemen on the left, including  
19 yourself, are holding Confederate flags, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And the individuals off to the right are  
22 holding League of the South flags, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 MS. LIVERZANI: We can pull up the  
25 transcript again.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 (Transcript displayed.)

3 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

4 Q. If I can direct your attention to the  
5 last paragraph, beginning with "We consign."

6 Mr. Hill stated, "We consign these to  
7 the holy fire of these ovens for the gentiles of  
8 the world. We stand for the white race against  
9 all of our enemies, particularly the Jew, and all  
10 of these symbols represent that enemy."

11 Does that correctly state what Mr. Hill  
12 said?

13 A. It does seem to match the videotape,  
14 yes.

15 Q. And Mr. Hill defines enemies as  
16 "including the Jew," correct?

17 A. I want to clarify.

18 Q. It's a yes-or-no question, Mr. Baker.

19 A. I want to clarify. You mean --

20 Q. So when Mr. Hill says "enemies," does  
21 that include the Jew?

22 MR. JONES: I'm going to object. He's  
23 allowed to answer the question.

24 THE WITNESS: I want to clarify that  
25 you're asking me to confirm that that is what

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 he said on the videotape. Is that correct?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. That is what he said on the videotape,  
5 yes.

6 Q. Was Mr. Hill speaking for the League of  
7 the South?

8 A. I can only speak for myself. I wouldn't  
9 presume to know who he was speaking for.

10 Q. He was wearing a League of the South  
11 shirt, correct?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. All of the individuals there were  
14 affiliated with the League of the South, correct?

15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. There were League of the South flags,  
17 correct?

18 A. That is correct.

19 Q. Do you consider yourself anti-semitic,  
20 Mr. Baker?

21 A. Did you ask me if I consider the south  
22 anti-semitic?

23 Q. Do you consider yourself anti-semitic?

24 A. I'm going to ask you, for the purposes  
25 of this question, to please clarify what you mean



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 by "anti-semitic"?

3 Q. Are you hostile towards Jews?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do you believe white people are superior  
6 to Jews?

7 A. No.

8 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we please pull up  
9 Tab 7, and this will be Clip 7-C.

10 (Exhibit 6 Plaintiffs, Audio  
11 recording and transcript, IB  
12 Christogenea, no Bates stamps, was  
13 marked for the purposes of  
14 identification.)

15 Mr. Baker, this is --

16 A. What?

17 Q. Mr. Baker, this is another clip from the  
18 podcast that we discussed earlier, the countries  
19 again I can't podcast.

20 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, you can play  
21 now?

22 (Video played as follows:)

23 "So I want to be clear. I quoted, you  
24 know empirical data that comes from a source  
25 that's not faultless, but I don't in any way,

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 shape or form think any other race on this  
3 planet is our equal. Does that make me a  
4 white supremacist? Well that is a radioactive  
5 term, but I mean I got to face what I am."

6 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

7 Q. Is that you speaking, Mr. Baker?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And when you said that you don't think  
10 any other race on this planet is our equal, were  
11 you referring to the white race?

12 A. My answer a few moments ago, given under  
13 oath to the question, supersedes any previous  
14 statement that you allege that I've made at any  
15 time.

16 Q. So you do not believe that the white  
17 race is superior to any other race on the planet?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you believe that in 2017?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you believe that in 2019, when you  
22 appeared on this podcast?

23 A. As I said, ma'am, my sworn statement, my  
24 answer under oath, supersedes any previous  
25 statement that I allegedly made at any time.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Did you make this -- I'm sorry.  
3 Continue, Mr. Baker. I didn't mean to cut you  
4 off.

5 A. I was finished.

6 Q. When did you join the League of the  
7 South?

8 A. I believe it was 2014.

9 Q. Are there any requirements to join the  
10 League of the South?

11 A. I missed -- is there what?

12 Q. Are there any requirements to join the  
13 League of the South?

14 A. Membership in the League is not my area  
15 of responsibility, so I don't know the answer to  
16 that.

17 Q. Are you aware if there's any  
18 interviewing done of potential members?

19 A. I'm not aware, no.

20 Q. Are you aware if members pay any kind of  
21 initiation fee?

22 A. Not that I'm aware of.

23 Q. Can an African American join the League  
24 of the South?

25 A. I don't have responsibility for

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 membership. I don't know.

3 Q. Can a Jew join the League of the South?

4 A. I don't have responsibility for

5 membership. I don't know.

6 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you please  
7 pull up Tab 7-C?

8 (Exhibit 7 Plaintiffs, Audio  
9 recording and transcript, no Bates  
10 stamps, was marked for the purposes  
11 of identification.)

12 Q. Mr. Baker, this is another clip from the  
13 same podcast.

14 MS. RUSE: I'm sorry, Amanda. I believe  
15 we just played C. Do you want --

16 MS. LIVERZANI: Sorry. I meant D.

17 MS. RUSE: No problem.

18 (Audio recording played as follows:)

19 "I was asked recently, would we -- would  
20 we ever take the League, say, to somewhere in  
21 Ohio. Well, we are the League of the South.  
22 We're probably going to confine our physical  
23 activities to the south. Although, I want to  
24 be clear, I'm not the commander of the League.  
25 I serve the League. If the commander of the

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 League directs me, as chief of operations, to  
3 plan an operation in, we will say Sonny  
4 Thomas' hometown, Springboro, Ohio, I'll get  
5 to work. I'll plan an operation for  
6 Springboro, Ohio, but that hasn't happened.  
7 And, in my opinion, it may not, but that  
8 doesn't mean that folks who don't live in the  
9 south or don't have a genetic link to the  
10 south are not welcome to be among us. The  
11 official League statement, the official League  
12 policy statement, any person of goodwill who  
13 shares our ideals can be part of us. It goes  
14 without saying, we are an ethnocentric  
15 organization. We wouldn't welcome non-whites.  
16 We wouldn't welcome a Jew. We wouldn't  
17 welcome a Muslim. We -- we do have Odinists  
18 members in the League because as we discussed  
19 they're following a religion that they believe  
20 to be true. We believe otherwise, but at the  
21 heart of it, we're racial brethrens, so  
22 they're welcome to be with us."

23 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

24 Q. Is that you speaking, Mr. Baker?

25 A. Yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Is it correct that you said the League  
3 wouldn't welcome non-whites?

4 A. It was my voice. I don't recall every  
5 detail of that podcast, it was a quite long one.

6 But I'm going to say again, my answer  
7 under oath a few moments ago supersedes any  
8 previous statement I allegedly made while not  
9 under oath.

10 Q. Mr. Baker, I'm only asking you if, in  
11 2019, you made this statement.

12 A. I don't have a specific recollection of  
13 it, but it is my voice. I can't deny that.

14 Q. Have you heard of the Traditionalist  
15 Workers Party?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are you aware they're a defendant in  
18 this lawsuit?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Have you heard of the National Socialist  
21 Movement?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Are you aware that they are a member of  
24 this lawsuit?

25 A. Yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Are you familiar with Vanguard America?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. You're aware that they are a defendant  
5 in this lawsuit, as well?

6 A. I actually wasn't until I saw that  
7 opening document, but I am now. So, yes.

8 Q. In the spring 2017, the League entered  
9 into an alliance called the Nationalist Front, is  
10 that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And the Traditional Workers Party,  
13 National Socialist Movement and Vanguard America  
14 were also part of the Nationalist Front, is that  
15 correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 (Discussion off the record.)

18 (Record read.)

19 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

20 Q. Mr. Baker, did you hear the question?

21 A. Please repeat it.

22 (Record read.)

23 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

24 Q. And the purpose of that Alliance was to  
25 promote shared goals, correct?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. I can't speak to what the purpose was.  
3 I wasn't made privy.

4 Q. Do you have an understanding of what the  
5 purpose was?

6 A. At the time I was not a League officer.  
7 I don't know the answer to that.

8 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we please pull up  
9 Tab 9?

10 I'm sorry. I've lost track of what  
11 exhibit number we're on.

12 (Discussion held off the record.)

13 MS. LIVERZANI: Sorry. It would be  
14 Exhibit 8.

15 (Exhibit 8 E-mail chain, 7-3-17,  
16 Bates stamped MH00015534, was  
17 marked for the purposes of  
18 identification.)

19 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you please scroll  
20 down to the bottom e-mail, Ms. Ruse?

21 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

22 Q. Mr. Baker, do you use the e-mail address  
23 KyLS\_Man@protonmail.com?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Does Michael Hill use the e-mail address



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 LSpres@protonmail.com?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. In this e-mail dated June 28th, 2017,  
5 you write, "Okay. We have time on the agenda for  
6 your greetings, comments or whatever. I received  
7 an affirmative response from Culpepper, the NSM  
8 organizer, and also from Matthew. The NSM  
9 commander, Jeff Schoep, will be there in the event  
10 there's anything you wish conveyed to him either  
11 directly or in your comments."

12 Is that what you wrote?

13 A. Apparently, yes.

14 MS. LIVERZANI: Go up to the top e-mail.

15 Q. In this e-mail, Michael Hill is  
16 providing you with information to relay to members  
17 of the National Socialist Movement, is that  
18 correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. If you look at the second sentence, it  
21 begins, "As president of the League of the South."

22 Do you understand that to mean Mr. Hill  
23 is writing on behalf of League of the South?

24 A. I can't speak to whether these comments  
25 would have been from him personally or on behalf

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 of the League.

3 I recall this meeting, and I recall  
4 reading some comments from Michael Hill.

5 My e-mail that I printed out is long  
6 gone, and I had had a bout of walking pneumonia in  
7 the week or so prior to this meeting. I arrived  
8 there extremely fatigued from that, and I don't  
9 recall this statement.

10 I'm not disputing its authenticity, but  
11 I don't recall the specific phraseology used.

12 In hindsight, with over three years'  
13 recollection, I only recall that I passed along  
14 his remarks that day.

15 Q. Let's focus on the remarks that are  
16 reflected only in the e-mail.

17 A. Is there a question there?

18 Q. Sorry. One moment. I direct your  
19 attention to the third paragraph beginning "Such a  
20 sublime civilization."

21 A. I see it. Can you bring it into focus a  
22 little bit for me? It's been in much better focus  
23 than it is right now, please?

24 That's better. That's at least  
25 enlarged.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. All right. The second sentence says,  
3 "As it is said: We must secure the existence of  
4 our people and a future for white children."

5 Does "our people" refer to white people?

6 A. As I said, I didn't write these remarks.  
7 I don't recall the specifics of them that day. I  
8 can't speak to another person's intent in their  
9 writing.

10 Q. Reviewing this today, would your  
11 impression be that it is referring to white  
12 people?

13 A. I won't speculate on that.

14 Q. I'm not asking you to speculate at what  
15 was written at the time. I'm asking you to  
16 explain what your impression is today, right now,  
17 as you read the e-mail.

18 A. If I had to guess, and I want to be  
19 clear for the record, it's a guess, as the  
20 president of the League of the South, I believe he  
21 was speaking about the southern people.

22 Q. Does southern people include southern  
23 African Americans?

24 A. I can't speak to his intent with what he  
25 means by the southern people. You asked me if I

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 thought he meant white people.

3 Q. Let's go to the next paragraph.

4 "But we are comprised" -- I'm sorry.

5 "We are compassed around with enemies  
6 who seek our destruction. From above, in the form  
7 of the international Jew and his white gentile  
8 traitor allies, to below, in the dark shape of the  
9 negro, Mestizo, and Muslim street thug, we are  
10 beset by those who despise us and all we hold  
11 dear."

12 Is Mr. Hill saying here that the enemy  
13 of the southern people is the Jew?

14 A. I can't speak to what another person's  
15 intention or meaning is. As I've said, I know I  
16 read a message from him. This looks authentic.

17 My copy of the message is long gone.  
18 And I was, in point of fact, recently off a bout  
19 of walking pneumonia. I was so fatigued that as  
20 late as the morning of this meeting, I doubted  
21 that I could make the drive there. However, I  
22 did. So, I don't know.

23 Q. Do you think there's any chance that you  
24 took Mr. Hill's statement with you and then did  
25 not read it?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. I recall reading the statement.

3 Q. Would you have changed Dr. Hill's words?

4 A. No.

5 Q. The last paragraph says, "The time has  
6 come when white men of the west must put aside  
7 their petty differences and unite for our very  
8 survival and well-being."

9 Today, do you understand this sentence  
10 to mean that the National Socialist Movement and  
11 the League needed to unite together?

12 A. Clarify "unite," please.

13 Q. Well, Mr. Hill, that's the word that the  
14 e-mail uses.

15 Mr. Hill said, "Unite for our very  
16 survival."

17 A. My answer then is that I don't know. I  
18 read the remarks verbatim. I don't recall very  
19 much about that day aside from that.

20 Q. If Mr. Hill had written something that  
21 you 100 percent disagreed with, would you have  
22 read it?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. In August, 2017, the League -- members  
25 of the League attended the Unite the Right rally

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 in Charlottesville, correct?

3 A. That is correct.

4 Q. In August, 2017, the League was also  
5 part of the Nationalist Front, correct?

6 A. That is correct.

7 MS. LIVERZANI: Please pull up Tab 8,  
8 please.

9 (Exhibit 9 Plaintiffs, League of  
10 the South, The League and  
11 alliances. LSDirective 22082018,  
12 no Bates stamps, was marked for the  
13 purposes of identification.)

14 MS. LIVERZANI: Please zoom in so  
15 Mr. Baker can read this?

16 Q. Mr. Baker, have you seen this post on  
17 the League of the South website before?

18 A. I've seen this message, but I did not  
19 see it on the website.

20 Q. Did the message come from Michael Hill?

21 A. It's his signature at the bottom, so I  
22 would say yes.

23 Q. When you heard the message, where did it  
24 come from?

25 A. I saw it somewhere on social media. I

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 don't recall where, but I -- I have seen it, yes.

3 Q. So the second paragraph says, "As of  
4 today, the League will no longer be part of the  
5 Nationalist Front. Nor will we be allying  
6 ourselves at present, even informally, with any  
7 other organization."

8 Do you see that?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Is it true that, in 2018, the League of  
11 the South left the Nationalist Front?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. The next sentence reads, "Over the past  
14 year and a half, our operational planning and  
15 execution have been nothing less than superb. As  
16 examples of our success, I point to  
17 Charlottesville, Pikeville, New Orleans,  
18 Shelbyville, Knoxville and Tallahassee."

19 Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you agree with Mr. Hill, that the  
22 operational planning and execution at  
23 Charlottesville was nothing less than superb?

24 A. No, I don't.

25 Q. You previously said that you were chief

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 of operations at the League, correct?

3 A. That is correct.

4 Q. And you became chief of operations in or  
5 around September, 2017?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. Before you, did the League of the South  
8 have a chief of operations?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Do you know why the League created the  
11 position of chief of operations?

12 A. No, I do not.

13 Q. It was Michael Hill who appointed you to  
14 that position, correct?

15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. And if Michael Hill had given you an  
17 order, as chief of operations, would you disobey  
18 it?

19 A. If it was an order to do something  
20 illegal or immoral, yes, I would.

21 Q. In the title "chief of operations," is  
22 "operations" used in the military sense of the  
23 word?

24 A. I can't answer that. Operations just  
25 encompasses actual physical operations for an



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 organization.

3 Q. Would you agree that in the military  
4 operation has a particular definition?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. During your time in the Marines, did you  
7 come to understand what operation means?

8 A. Not formally, but I probably did have an  
9 understanding that operations had to do with any  
10 physical activity of an organization.

11 Q. What were your responsibilities and  
12 duties as chief of operations?

13 A. To thoroughly plan the physical aspects  
14 of an action by the League of the South.

15 Q. Can you give me some examples of the  
16 actions you're referring to?

17 A. For instance, when we went to Pikeville,  
18 we needed to find a safe route into Pikeville,  
19 Kentucky, a safe place to stage our vehicles,  
20 where we could have an expectation that they would  
21 not be vandalized and a safe way out of Pikeville.

22 We define "safe" as avoiding contact  
23 with Antifa.

24 I think the events of the past two to  
25 three weeks would demonstrate to anyone why we

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 choose to avoid Antifa.

3 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you pull  
4 up Tab 15, please?

5 (Exhibit 10 Plaintiffs, League of  
6 the South, 6-9-18, League will be  
7 at Unite the Right rally, 12  
8 August, Charlottesville, VA, no  
9 Bates stamps, was marked for the  
10 purposes of identification.)

11 Q. Mr. Baker, do you recognize this?

12 A. I didn't hear what you said.

13 Q. Do you recognize this document?

14 A. Could you please scroll down so I can  
15 see it in its entirety?

16 No, I don't.

17 Q. Would you agree that this is a post on  
18 the League of the South website?

19 A. Yes.

20 THE COURT REPORTER: I need to know what  
21 exhibit number that is, please.

22 MS. LIVERZANI: 10.

23 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

24 Q. It appears that this post was made by  
25 Michael Hill, correct?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. Please scroll down to the bottom again.

3 Q. Well, if you go to the top, Mr. Hill's  
4 name is at the top.

5 A. All right. Then with the same criteria  
6 as the previous times you've asked me that, it's  
7 his name there, so I would say yes.

8 Q. And the date is June 9th, 2017, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Mr. Baker, you just testified that, as  
11 you're planning Pikeville, you defined safe as  
12 avoiding contact with Antifa.

13 Now you think the events of the past two  
14 or three weeks would demonstrate to anyone why we  
15 would want to avoid Antifa, is that correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. I'm going to direct your attention to  
18 the first paragraph of Mr. Hill's post.

19 It says, "The League of the South will  
20 be participating in the Unite the Right rally in  
21 Charlottesville, Virginia on 12 August. Below is  
22 the initial announcement of the event. I want an  
23 excellent turnout of southern nationalists for  
24 this event. Antifa, BLM, et al, will be there to  
25 greet us. Don't miss out on the fun!

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 "Michael Hill."

3 Is that an accurate statement of what is  
4 in the post?

5 A. You read it verbatim, yes.

6 Q. Does it appear here that Mr. Hill is  
7 saying that greeting Antifa will be fun?

8 A. It appears so, yes.

9 Q. I want to go back to discussing your  
10 role as chief of operations.

11 Did you draw on any of your past  
12 experience in the Marines as chief of operations?

13 A. Actually, no.

14 Q. So there was nothing that you learned in  
15 the Marines that was useful to you as chief of  
16 operations?

17 A. Other than learning to be thorough and  
18 plan for unforeseen circumstances, no.

19 MS. LIVERZANI: Would you please pull up  
20 Tab 10?

21 (Exhibit 11 Plaintiffs, E-mail,  
22 7-12-17, Bates stamped MH0015511,  
23 was marked for the purposes of  
24 identification.)

25 Q. Mr. Hill (sic), this is an e-mail on

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 July 2017 between Mr. Hill or Dr. Hill and Mike  
3 Tubbs.

4 I know that you're not on this e-mail,  
5 but I was hoping that you could help me understand  
6 some of the terminology in it.

7 Does that make sense?

8 A. I'll do my best.

9 Q. The first sentence uses the word "JAG."

10 Do you know what "JAG" refers to?

11 A. It was a TV show on several years ago  
12 called JAG, other than that, no.

13 Q. Are there any attorneys in the Marines?

14 A. Attorneys in the Marines? Was that your  
15 question?

16 Q. Let me rephrase.

17 In the Marines, when someone gets  
18 court-martialed, who do they go before?

19 A. I was never court-martialed. I don't  
20 know.

21 Q. If you go to the second paragraph, it  
22 says, "I told Spencer Borum, N3, that you would be  
23 contacting him regarding getting Level One  
24 training."

25 Do you know Spencer Borum?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. Yes, we're acquainted.

3 Q. How do you know him?

4 A. I first met Spencer several years ago  
5 in -- here in Kentucky.

6 Q. Is he a member of the League?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you know what "N3" means?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Is "Level One training" something that  
11 the League provided?

12 A. I have no idea what that is.

13 Q. Did the League require you to undergo  
14 any training?

15 A. No.

16 Q. If we go to the second-to-last  
17 paragraph, the one that starts "I think."

18 It says, "I think we should ask Pat  
19 Hines to move to either N4 or N7."

20 Do you know what "N4" or "N7" means?

21 A. No, I do not.

22 Q. Have you ever heard of military staff  
23 numbers?

24 A. I'm sorry. Please say that again.

25 Q. Have you ever heard of military staff

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 numbers?

3 A. I don't understand the question. I  
4 apologize.

5 Did you ask me if I had ever heard of  
6 military staff members?

7 Q. Military staff numbers.

8 A. Numbers. Numbers. I suppose I have at  
9 one time or another. It's been an awfully long  
10 time.

11 Q. By "military staff numbers," do you  
12 understand that certain numbers are assigned to  
13 certain positions in the military?

14 A. I am familiar with what you're talking  
15 about, but I don't have any knowledge of exactly  
16 how that works.

17 Q. Do you believe it is something you  
18 learned when you were in the Marines?

19 A. Not that I recall. It's been a long  
20 time.

21 Q. Are you familiar with the Southern  
22 Defense Force?

23 A. Am I familiar with what?

24 Q. The Southern Defense Force.

25 A. I have heard of that, yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. What is the Southern Defense Force?

3 A. It is -- it was a stillborn idea that  
4 went nowhere, and I guess the expression might be  
5 it died on the vine.

6 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we pull up Tab 11.

7 (Discussion off the record.)

8 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, when you put  
9 exhibits up, can you please inform the court  
10 reporter of the exhibit number?

11 MS. RUSE: Yes. And this is Exhibit 12.

12 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you so much.

13 MS. RUSE: No problem.

14 (Exhibit 12 Plaintiffs, League of  
15 the South, 2-2-17, Southern Defense  
16 Force formed, no Bates stamps, was  
17 marked for the purposes of  
18 identification.)

19 Q. Mr. Baker, have you seen this document  
20 before?

21 A. Please continue to scroll down.

22 I have not, no.

23 Q. Will you please take a look at the  
24 next-to-the-last paragraph on the first page  
25 beginning with "The League of the South"?



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2 A. I see it.

3 Q. It says, "The League of the South does  
4 not advocate the use of violence except in  
5 self-defense of life, liberty and property."

6 Do you see that?

7 A. I do.

8 Q. Is that an accurate statement about the  
9 League's position on using violence?

10 A. Yes, it is.

11 Q. What is meant by "life"?

12 A. If one's life is in danger, the use of  
13 deadly force to protect a person's life is a  
14 universal right, and that would be what  
15 self-defense of life means to my way of thinking.

16 I want to be clear. I didn't write  
17 this, so I can't speak to the intent of the  
18 author, but that's what my understanding of  
19 self-defense of life means.

20 Q. What about defense of liberty, what  
21 would that mean?

22 A. I can't answer that. I don't know  
23 what's meant by that.

24 Q. And defense of property, do you have an  
25 understanding of what that means?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. Speaking only for myself, I would be  
3 very hesitant to use deadly force to protect  
4 property. I would only do that if, in conjunction  
5 of a threat to my property, there was a threat to  
6 my life or the life of one of my family.

7 So without trying to speak to the intent  
8 of the writer, that's my personal belief about  
9 using force to protect life, property. Only if  
10 life is in danger in the -- in the endangerment of  
11 property. I would not employ deadly force to  
12 protect property alone.

13 If someone steals my tractor and they're  
14 driving away on it, I'm going to call the sheriff.  
15 I'm not going to shoot them.

16 Q. Going back to the incident we discussed  
17 earlier, when you were in the Marines, involving  
18 someone stealing your laundry.

19 Do you remember discussing that with us?

20 A. I do.

21 Q. An individual stole your laundry,  
22 correct?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. Specifically, he stole a T-shirt,  
25 correct?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. Among other things, but the T-shirt was  
3 prominently visible.

4 Q. And you ripped it off him, correct?

5 A. That's my recollection. This would have  
6 happened nearly 40 years ago. So with the caveat  
7 that my memory may be flawed, yes, I tore the  
8 shirt off him.

9 Q. Would you consider that using violence  
10 to defend your property?

11 A. I see a distinction between violence and  
12 deadly force. So, strictly speaking, obviously,  
13 tearing the shirt off him was a violent act, but I  
14 didn't employ a weapon, I didn't employ deadly  
15 force.

16 There's my answer.

17 Q. If we look back at the statement in the  
18 exhibit we were on, Exhibit 11.

19 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you pull that back  
20 up, Ms. Ruse? And please scroll back down to  
21 the paragraph we were just discussing.

22 Q. This says, "Use of violence except in  
23 self-defense of life, liberty and property."

24 Is that right?

25 A. That is what it says, yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. It says "violence," not deadly force, is  
3 that correct?

4 A. Yes, it does.

5 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you please pull up  
6 Tab 12?

7 Q. Mr. Baker, this is a post from the  
8 League of the South website dated April 30, 2017.  
9 Do you see that?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. And you attended the Pikeville rally,  
12 correct?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 (Exhibit 13 Plaintiffs, League of  
15 the South, 4-30-17, League of the  
16 South in Pikeville, Kentucky, no  
17 Bates stamps, was marked for the  
18 purposes of identification.)

19 Q. You were there as part of the League of  
20 the South, correct?

21 A. I missed the first part of your  
22 question. Please repeat it.

23 Q. You were there as part of League of the  
24 South, correct?

25 A. That's correct.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. If I can direct you to the second  
3 sentence in the first paragraph, beginning with  
4 "We."

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. It says, "We were the advance guard  
7 whose job was to hold the line until the main  
8 force arrived. Our operation was led by Kentucky  
9 LS Chairman Spencer Borum and Kentucky Southern  
10 Defense Force commander, Ike Baker."

11 Is that correct?

12 A. That is exactly what it says, yes.

13 Q. Is it correct that you were Kentucky  
14 Southern Defense Force commander?

15 A. Mr. Borum did give me that appointment,  
16 yes, he did.

17 Q. And as Southern Defense Force commander,  
18 did you take it upon yourself to learn the  
19 League's policy on the use of violence?

20 A. At the time, I can't say I learned the  
21 League's policy. I adhered by my own policy.

22 Q. You're familiar with the events of  
23 August 11th and August 12th, 2017, in  
24 Charlottesville?

25 A. August 12th, not August 11th. I was not

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 there on August the 11th.

3 Q. August 12th was the Unite the Right  
4 rally, correct?

5 A. Yes, ma'am.

6 Q. When did you arrive in Charlottesville?

7 A. On the afternoon of Friday, the 11th, I  
8 passed through Charlottesville.

9 Q. The League of the South decided to  
10 participate in Unite the Right, correct?

11 A. The Saturday Unite the Right rally, yes.

12 Q. Mr. Baker, when I refer to "Unite the  
13 Right," I'm only going to be referring to the  
14 August 12th rally.

15 A. Okay. That's a useful definition.  
16 Thank you.

17 Q. Who made the decision that the League  
18 was going to participate in the Unite the Right?

19 A. I don't recall a formal decision-making  
20 process, but my belief, which I am willing to  
21 state, my belief in this case would be that the  
22 leader of the League, Michael Hill, made that  
23 decision.

24 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you pull  
25 up Tab 14?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 THE COURT REPORTER: I need to know what  
3 exhibit number that one was that we were just  
4 on.

5 MS. RUSE: Document Tab 12. It's  
6 Exhibit 13.

7 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. RUSE: And then Tab 14, which we're  
9 pulling up, is going to be Exhibit 14.

10 (Exhibit 14 Plaintiffs, Tweet,  
11 Michael Hill, 7-24, no Bates  
12 stamps, was marked for the purposes  
13 of identification.)

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

15 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

16 Q. Mr. Baker, do you know what Twitter is?

17 A. I'm sorry. Do I have what?

18 Q. Do you know what Twitter is?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you use Twitter?

21 A. Currently, I do, yes. I did not back at  
22 that time, though.

23 Q. Are you aware that Michael Hill had a  
24 Twitter at that time?

25 A. No. I've come to social media rather

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 slowly.

3 Q. The exhibit on the screen is a tweet by  
4 Michael Hill dated July 24th, and I'll represent  
5 to you that that's July 24th, 2017.

6 Would you please read the tweet to  
7 yourself?

8 A. What is it that causes you to put that  
9 at 2017? The year is not there. Is it  
10 conjecture?

11 Q. So the tweet reads, "If you want to  
12 defend the South and Western civilization from the  
13 Jew and his dark-skinned allies, be at  
14 Charlottesville on 17 (sic) August."

15 Are you aware of the League attending an  
16 event in Charlottesville on the 12th of August in  
17 any other year aside from 2017?

18 A. No. But I want the clarify. In the  
19 last sentence, you first said "17 August," and  
20 then you said "12 August."

21 May I assume that you meant 12 August?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. No, I'm not familiar with any other year  
24 when we were in Charlottesville on 12 August.

25 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Michael Hill is not referring to the Unite the  
3 Right rally in this tweet?

4 A. I can only speak for myself. I won't  
5 speak to what another -- is in another person's  
6 mind when they write something for social media or  
7 any other forum.

8 I didn't read this. I didn't use  
9 Twitter at the time and I won't speculate now.

10 Q. I'm going to read the question back to  
11 you.

12 A. Fair enough.

13 Q. I'm not calling for any speculation.

14 The question was, "Do you have any  
15 reason to believe that Michael Hill is not  
16 referring to the Unite the Right rally in this  
17 tweet?"

18 A. No.

19 Q. In 2017, did you have an understanding  
20 of why the League was going to attend the rally?

21 A. Yes, I had my own understanding of why  
22 we would attend.

23 Q. What was your understanding?

24 A. To be present in Lee Park, at the foot  
25 of a statue that was in great jeopardy of being

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 removed, to hear our leader speak.

3 That's my understanding of why we went  
4 to Charlottesville.

5 Q. Who is your leader, Mr. Baker?

6 A. Michael Hill.

7 Q. Do you think Michael Hill's reason for  
8 attending the League would have changed between  
9 July 24th and August 12th?

10 A. I have no idea.

11 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you pull up Tab 16.

12 MS. RUSE: This will be Exhibit 15.

13 (Exhibit 15 Plaintiffs, Text  
14 message, 7-11-17, Bates stamped  
15 MH00007408, was marked for the  
16 purposes of identification.)

17 Q. This is a text message from Michael Hill  
18 to Michael Tubbs. I'll represent to you that the  
19 phone number following "From" is Michael Hill's  
20 phone number, and "To" is the phone number  
21 belonging to Michael Tubbs.

22 Do you have any reason to disagree with  
23 that?

24 I'm sorry, Mr. Baker. If you're  
25 speaking, we can't hear you.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 (Discussion off the record.)

3 (Record read.)

4 THE WITNESS: No.

5 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

6 Q. The box with the text starting at the  
7 second sentence says, "Ike did a great job  
8 'prepping' the cops for our presence in  
9 Pikeville."

10 Did you prep the cops in Pikeville?

11 A. I've never actually heard that  
12 expression before, so I don't know how to answer  
13 the question as you phrase it.

14 But I did, prior to Pikeville, contact  
15 the Pikeville Police Department. I found a great  
16 deal of cooperation when I explained to them that  
17 our only aim was to conduct a peaceful  
18 demonstration.

19 Pikeville, unlike Charlottesville, was  
20 not willing to see their city wrecked, was not  
21 willing to see damage done.

22 The police expected that we would  
23 cooperate with them, which we did, and they  
24 offered a degree of cooperation to us.

25 They suggested a route into and out of

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Pikeville, which would keep us out of contact with  
3 Antifa, and they provided us a parking area where  
4 we could leave our vehicles with a reasonable  
5 expectation that they would not be vandalized.

6 When we arrived in Pikeville, the police  
7 followed through with everything they had told us  
8 in advance that they would do. They directed us  
9 through a roadblock, only us, and we had a very  
10 successful day in Pikeville.

11 Frankly, our mistake, in hindsight, was  
12 expecting the same honesty from the law  
13 enforcement authorities in and around  
14 Charlottesville that we received in Pikeville.

15 So by "prepping the police," I would  
16 never use that term. I sought and received some  
17 cooperation and gave some cooperation in return.

18 If that means prepping, as I said, not  
19 my phrase.

20 Q. The next sentence says, "Speaking of the  
21 C'ville events, I'd like for you to once again, be  
22 in command of general operations with Ike, Dennis  
23 Durham and whoever else we decide as your  
24 lieutenants with specific operational  
25 assignments."

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Do you see that?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. Was Michael Hill delegating tasks to  
5 Mr. Tubbs here?

6 A. That is certainly the way it reads. A  
7 reasonable person would assume that, yes.

8 Q. And, in fact, Mr. Hill did direct  
9 certain tasks to Mr. Tubbs, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And Mr. Hill directed you to perform  
12 certain tasks, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 MS. LIVERZANI: Tab 18.

15 MS. RUSE: Tab 18 will be Exhibit 16.

16 (Exhibit 16 Plaintiffs, E-mail,  
17 7-12-17, Bates stamped MH00015493,  
18 was marked for the purposes of  
19 identification.)

20 Q. Mr. Baker, if you can review this e-mail  
21 dated July 12th? It's from Michael Hill to  
22 Michael Tubbs.

23 A. I'm not able to see the very far right  
24 because of the Zoom screens. If this can either  
25 be reduced slightly or read to me, please.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Okay. If you give me a second, I can  
3 read this.

4 Yes, I read it.

5 Q. It says, "Had a good talk with Ike Baker  
6 tonight. On-the-ground planning for  
7 Charlottesville is coming along nicely. Still a  
8 lot to do, but the Pikeville template, on a larger  
9 scale, looks like it will work well there. He  
10 will be in touch with us both as things progress."

11 Do you see that?

12 A. I'm sorry. Was there a question?

13 Q. Do you see that?

14 A. Oh, yes. Yes, I do.

15 Q. Do you recall having talks with Michael  
16 Hill about planning for Charlottesville?

17 A. I don't recall, no, I don't. We're  
18 going back three years at this point. So, no, I  
19 don't recall.

20 I won't dispute the authenticity of this  
21 e-mail, but I don't recall the conversations three  
22 years ago.

23 Q. Just to clarify, do you not recall  
24 specific conversations or do you not recall having  
25 any conversations at all?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. I don't recall conversations at all from  
3 three years prior, no, I don't.

4 Q. Did you handle on-the-ground planning  
5 for Charlottesville?

6 A. "On-the-ground" would denote physical  
7 presence. And, no, Charlottesville was way too  
8 far for me to drive over and actually look around.

9 What I did is study the aerial  
10 photographs, study the maps. I tried my best to  
11 learn that warren of one-way streets in that part  
12 of Charlottesville.

13 I located what seemed like a direct  
14 route into that part of Charlottesville, and then  
15 a direct route out of that part of  
16 Charlottesville. That was my responsibility,  
17 along with securing a secure parking area.

18 I attempted to do the same thing we did  
19 in Pikeville, hence, the reference to the  
20 Pikeville template, by contacting the police.

21 I received no cooperation of any kind on  
22 any level, despite repeated efforts.

23 The great majority of my calls were  
24 never returned and I really only recall one actual  
25 conversation with a Charlottesville police

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 officer. I believe he was a police sergeant named  
3 either Newberry or Dewberry. Provided no  
4 cooperation at all, no guidance whatsoever, so I  
5 was on my own.

6 And I did my best to duplicate the  
7 peaceful rally that we held at Pikeville, with the  
8 caveat, my only responsibility is finding us a  
9 route in, finding us a route out that will keep us  
10 out of contact with Antifa, and a secure place to  
11 park. That was simple in Pikeville because of the  
12 cooperation of police.

13 We found a safe route into Pikeville --  
14 Charlottesville, and we found a secure parking  
15 area, but that was with no help from police at  
16 all. And, obviously, nothing to do with our route  
17 out of Charlottesville was orderly at all.

18 So that would be my explanation for the  
19 meaning of this e-mail.

20 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you pull up Tab 29,  
21 please?

22 MS. RUSE: Tab 29 will be Exhibit 17.

23 (Exhibit 17 Plaintiffs, Text

24 Message, 7-11-17, Bates stamped

25 MH00007410, was marked for the



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 purposes of identification.)

3 Q. This is another text message from  
4 Michael Hill to Michael Tubbs, dated July 11th,  
5 2017.

6 Mr. Hill writes, "I've instructed Ike  
7 Baker to contact State and local law enforcement  
8 in Charlottesville, as he did for the Pikeville  
9 operation, and let them know we're on the side of  
10 civilization, as they ostensibly are, as well. He  
11 seems to work well with the rank-and-file  
12 officers. He tells me that the CPD Chief is a  
13 high yellow (and, of course, the mayor is Jude  
14 schwein). Not much to hope for there. Will keep  
15 you posted."

16 Do you see that? Do you need another  
17 moment to read it?

18 A. Actually, I was reading along with you.

19 Q. Do you understand what the phrase "high  
20 yellow" means?

21 A. I've heard it. It's not a phrase that I  
22 use.

23 Q. Is "high yellow" slang for a  
24 light-skinned person of mixed black and white  
25 descent?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. That is my understanding, yes.

3 Q. And was the Charlottesville police  
4 chief high --

5 A. As I recall, he was a very light-skinned  
6 black man. But, as I said, that's not an  
7 expression that I use. I've heard it, but I don't  
8 use it.

9 Q. Are you familiar with the phrase "Jude  
10 schwein"?

11 A. No, I'm not.

12 Q. Are you aware that's German for Jewish  
13 pig?

14 A. No, I was not. I'm not multilingual.

15 Q. In the weeks leading up to August 12th,  
16 did members of the League of the South communicate  
17 about attending the rally?

18 A. Communicate with who?

19 Q. Did League of the South members  
20 communicate with one another about attending the  
21 rally?

22 A. I don't know.

23 Q. We just looked at an e-mail between  
24 Michael Hill and Michael Tubbs, dated July 11th,  
25 where they talk about planning for

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Charlottesville, correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Do you doubt the authenticity of that  
5 e-mail?

6 A. No.

7 Q. So isn't it true that members of the  
8 League of the South communicated by e-mail in the  
9 weeks leading up to August 12th, regarding  
10 planning of Charlottesville?

11 A. Okay. A moment ago you asked me if we  
12 communicated.

13 If League of the South members  
14 communicated about attending, that, I don't know.

15 About the planning, certainly. I am  
16 certain I would have communicated with members  
17 about things I learned, things I was trying to  
18 learn, cooperation I was trying to secure from law  
19 enforcement, which was never forthcoming.

20 So I don't mean to parse words with you,  
21 but I have no idea if members communicated about  
22 attending, but I absolutely communicated with  
23 members, I'm certain, about planning.

24 Q. Mr. Baker, I'm going to ask that you  
25 limit your responses specifically to the questions

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 I ask.

3 If you want to clarify something,  
4 Mr. Jones can do that on redirect, but for  
5 yes-or-no questions, this will go faster if you  
6 just answer yes or no.

7 Do you understand?

8 A. I understand.

9 Q. Did you use the e-mail address  
10 KyLS\_Man@protonmail.com?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did other members of the League of the  
13 South use protonmail.com e-mail addresses?

14 A. Yes, I believe so.

15 Q. Why did you use ProtonMail as opposed to  
16 Hotmail, like you're using today?

17 A. I can't answer that. I don't know.

18 Q. Did someone tell you to use ProtonMail?

19 A. I don't recall how that originated.

20 Q. Are you aware that ProtonMail offers  
21 secure, private, encrypted e-mails?

22 A. I've become aware of that in the past  
23 three years, but at the time, no.

24 Q. Is there a League of the South uniform?

25 A. Yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. What is that uniform?

3 A. Khaki trousers and a black polo shirt  
4 with our emblem on the left chest.

5 Q. What is the reason for having a uniform?

6 A. Unity of appearance, unity of partners,  
7 uniforms have existed since time immemorial.

8 Q. Were the uniforms meant to intimidate  
9 others?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Were they meant to promote a strong  
12 appearance?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you know if any other groups who  
15 attended the Charlottesville rally wore uniforms?

16 A. I'm not familiar with the policies of  
17 any of the other organizations.

18 Q. When you were there, did you see anyone  
19 else wearing uniforms?

20 A. Yes, I would say I did.

21 Q. Do you recall specific organizations  
22 that had uniforms?

23 A. The NSM seemed to have uniforms.  
24 Traditionalist Worker Party seemed to have  
25 uniforms. Both wore all black. I can't speak to

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 any other organizations, but I did notice those  
3 two, yes.

4 Q. Was there any discussion of  
5 coordinating, so you were all wearing black?

6 A. Any discussion of what? I apologize.

7 Q. Of coordinating, so you were all wearing  
8 black?

9 A. Not that I recall.

10 Q. Did members of the League of the South  
11 carry flags?

12 A. Flags? Did you say flags?

13 Q. Flags, yes.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And they carried Confederate flags,  
16 correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And they carried League of the South  
19 flags, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Those flags were on poles, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Are you aware that the Confederate flag  
24 intimidates certain groups?

25 A. That it does what to certain groups?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Intimidates.

3 A. No.

4 Q. Are you aware that a Confederate flag  
5 intimidates African Americans?

6 A. I'm not aware that it intimidates them,  
7 no.

8 Q. Have you ever seen an African American  
9 carrying a Confederate flag?

10 A. Actually, yes, I have.

11 Q. Do you understand that poles can be used  
12 as weapons?

13 A. Ma'am, anything can be used as a weapon.

14 Q. Do you understand that poles can be used  
15 as a weapon specifically?

16 A. Specifically, yes, as anything can be  
17 used as a weapon.

18 This pen is a weapon, ma'am.

19 (Indicating.)

20 Q. Did you expect that flag poles would be  
21 used as weapons --

22 A. No.

23 Q. -- at the south -- at Unite the Right?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you or others in the League

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 anticipate that the rally might become violent?

3 A. We anticipated being attacked.

4 Q. Did you anticipate being physically  
5 attacked?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Despite the fact that you anticipated  
8 being physically attacked, you still chose to  
9 attend, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 MS. LIVERZANI: If you look at Tab 21?

12 MS. RUSE: Tab 21 will be Exhibit 18.

13 (Exhibit 18 Plaintiffs, E-mail

14 chain, 7-8-17, Bates stamped

15 MH00014542 through 00014544, was

16 marked for the purposes of

17 identification.)

18 MS. LIVERZANI: Would you please scroll

19 all the way down to the first e-mail in the

20 chain?

21 Can you make it a little bit larger?

22 THE WITNESS: Will you please scroll

23 down for me?

24 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

25 Q. This is an e-mail from Michael Hill to



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Michael Tubbs and others, including yourself.

3 A. Wait, wait. I received this e-mail, is  
4 that what you're asserting?

5 Q. Yes.

6 A. Am I on the line for receiving it?

7 Q. Yes. Do you see "To," it says Mike  
8 Tubbs, LS -- "

9 A. Okay, okay, okay. I do. I don't recall  
10 the e-mail. I just wanted to find out if you were  
11 telling me this was an e-mail I had received.

12 Okay. I was reading it, though, when  
13 that question arose. If you'll scroll down, I  
14 assume you want me to read this?

15 Would that be correct?

16 Q. You don't have to read the entire thing,  
17 although if you would like to read the entire  
18 thing, you are more than welcome to.

19 A. No, no. It's all right. I'm certain  
20 you have specific questions in mind.

21 Q. The first sentence says, "Gentlemen: I  
22 received a call this morning from the organizer of  
23 the upcoming Charlottesville event. Yesterday, he  
24 heard from what I considered to be a reputable  
25 source (one with whom I've had direct dealings) on

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 an Antifa -- "

3 Do you know who Michael Hill is  
4 referring to when he speaks of "the organizer" of  
5 the Charlottesville event?

6 A. That, I am willing to speculate is Jason  
7 Kessler, although I don't know that for certain.

8 Q. Understood.

9 Look at the second paragraph. Starts  
10 "The upshot."

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. It says, "The upshot is this: Antifa  
13 indeed will show up in large numbers in C'ville.  
14 And they, according to what I've been told, will  
15 have explosives, firearms, and various other  
16 weapons with the intent to use them against us."

17 Do you see that?

18 A. I do.

19 Q. This e-mail is dated July 7th, 2017.

20 MS. LIVERZANI: Would you scroll up?

21 Q. Do you see that date?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. So by early July, League of the South  
24 knew that there was a potential for violence at  
25 the Charlottesville rally, correct?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Okay.

4 MS. LIVERZANI: If we can scroll up.

5 Q. Do you know who Mark Thomey is?

6 A. Can you focus that for me, again,  
7 please? It's sometimes in much better focus and I  
8 can't read it the way it sits. Sorry.

9 Do I know who -- who are you asking me  
10 about? I'm sorry.

11 Q. Mark Thomey?

12 A. I do.

13 Q. Who is he?

14 A. At the time he was the vice president of  
15 the League.

16 Q. On July 8th, he writes, "I would have  
17 expected no less from them. We need to treat this  
18 as a real threat to the safety of our people who  
19 will be there, and plan accordingly. We need to  
20 survey the area, map out staging points for  
21 vehicles and equipment, establish escape  
22 routes/plans, and settle on a code word which lets  
23 our folks know to unleash hell on them."

24 Did the League establish a code word?

25 A. No, not that I recall.

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2 Q. Do you know what Mark Thomey meant by  
3 "unleash hell on them"?

4 A. I couldn't speculate as to what another  
5 person meant when they wrote something.

6 Q. Would you agree that this e-mail  
7 reflects the fact that the League was planning  
8 defensive actions?

9 A. No. I would say this indicates that we  
10 were planning to be prepared for defensive  
11 actions.

12 Ma'am, as I said, we were hoping for a  
13 replay of Pikeville, where there was no violence.

14 Q. But based on the e-mail from Mr. Hill  
15 that we have just looked at, in early July you had  
16 knowledge that Antifa, indeed, would show up in  
17 large numbers at C'ville: "And they, according to  
18 what I've been told, will have explosives,  
19 firearms, and various other weapons with them with  
20 the intent to use them against us."

21 That's what it says, correct?

22 A. That's what it says, yes.

23 Q. And your testimony is that you didn't  
24 have an expectation of violence, you were just  
25 preparing for it?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. Antifa turned out in very large numbers  
3 for Pikeville. And I'm going to come back to  
4 this.

5 We, obviously in hindsight, we naively  
6 believed that we could avoid violence and the kind  
7 of mayhem that actually happened in  
8 Charlottesville by simply being prepared for  
9 something that we hoped and prayed would not  
10 happen.

11 It did not happen in Pikeville. We  
12 fully expected Charlottesville to go the same way  
13 Pikeville did, a large number of Antifa,  
14 outnumbering us considerably, but the law  
15 enforcement personnel doing their actual duty and  
16 keeping the opposing factions separate. It worked  
17 beautifully in Pikeville. It wasn't even  
18 attempted in Charlottesville. But we didn't know  
19 that. We were simply prepared for it.

20 Q. Prior to be Pikeville, did you or anyone  
21 at the League receive information that Antifa  
22 would be present there with explosives, firearms  
23 and/or weapons?

24 A. I never saw anything like that  
25 personally, no.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. We can go up to the top e-mail.

3 A. I'm sorry. What?

4 Q. Scroll up to the top e-mail.

5 A. Okay.

6 Q. This is from Mark Thomey?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. To the same group of individuals,  
9 including yourself.

10 Do you see that?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. Second line, he says, "I did some  
13 checking online about Virginia's concealed carry  
14 laws. They honor the CC permits of all states."

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did you intend to lawfully bring a  
17 concealed weapon to Charlottesville?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And did you bring, lawfully, a concealed  
20 weapon?

21 A. Are you asking me individually?

22 Q. Yes, you personally.

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. Are you aware if any other individuals  
25 in the League did?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. No.

3 Q. Next sentence, it says, "I also found  
4 this. It should be kept in mind when the time  
5 comes to use deadly force."

6 Did the League contemplate that it might  
7 have to use deadly force at Charlottesville?

8 A. We contemplated all possibilities and  
9 tried to be prepared accordingly.

10 It is noteworthy that no deadly force  
11 was used by anyone in or around Lee Park on either  
12 side, frankly, certainly not firearms. The bricks  
13 and stones that were thrown at us would probably  
14 qualify as deadly force, but there were no  
15 firearms used by anyone that I know of in  
16 Charlottesville.

17 If you know of a shot being fired there,  
18 it's news to me.

19 Q. I'm going to repeat the question,  
20 Mr. Baker.

21 A. Certainly.

22 Q. Did the League contemplate that it might  
23 have to use deadly force in Charlottesville?

24 A. Yes. I want to clarify that that would  
25 have been in a lawful sense only. We never once

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 contemplated, ruminated, considered initiating the  
3 use of deadly force illegally at all, without  
4 exception.

5 Q. Okay.

6 MS. LIVERZANI: Tab 22, please.

7 THE WITNESS: But, again, I want to  
8 state, I can't speak for the League. I don't  
9 have that position now. Certainly didn't have  
10 it then. I'm speaking for myself and my own  
11 perception and understanding of how those  
12 events played out three years ago.

13 MS. RUSE: Tab 22 will be Exhibit 19.

14 (Exhibit 19 Plaintiffs, E-mail  
15 chain, 7-8-18, Bates stamped  
16 MH00015529 through 00015530, was  
17 marked for the purposes of  
18 identification.)

19 Q. Again, Mr. Baker, I'm going to remind  
20 you to confine your answers to the question asked.  
21 And if you would like to offer clarification  
22 beyond the question, you can do so on redirect  
23 with Mr. Jones.

24 A. Let's consider what I just said  
25 clarification, then.



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you please scroll  
3 down?

4 Q. As you can see, this is the e-mail that  
5 we were just looking at from Michael Hill on July  
6 7th.

7 Do you see that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. If we scroll up, do you recognize the  
10 e-mail address LSCoC@protonmail.com?

11 A. No, I don't.

12 MS. LIVERZANI: So if we just scroll  
13 down again. That's good.

14 Q. Where it says, "To: Mike Tubbs  
15 LSCoC@protonmail.com."

16 Do you see that?

17 A. Sure. I do. I didn't recognize the  
18 e-mail address.

19 Q. Okay. Mr. Tubbs writes, "Even though we  
20 haven't had any hard intell so far to make us  
21 believe there was going to be violence I think we  
22 all assumed there would be (and maybe even hoped  
23 for it)."

24 Do you see that?

25 A. Actually, I don't. You're going to need

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 to scroll either up or down. I don't see that  
3 e-mail.

4 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, please scroll  
5 up.

6 THE WITNESS: The e-mail that I have,  
7 this gentleman, I received a call.

8 MS. LIVERZANI: Scroll up, Ms. Ruse.  
9 There you go.

10 Q. I'll read it.

11 A. I see it. Okay.

12 Q. The first sentence, "Even though we  
13 haven't had any hard intell so far to make us  
14 believe there was going to be violence I think we  
15 all assumed there would be (and maybe even hoped  
16 for it)."

17 Do you see that?

18 A. I do. Yes, I see it.

19 Q. Is it correct that the League assumed  
20 there would be violence?

21 A. I can't speak for the League. I don't  
22 know.

23 Q. Do you know if Mr. Tubbs assumed there  
24 would be violence?

25 A. I can't speak for Mr. Tubbs either. I

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 had never seen this e-mail prior to just now.

3 Q. Do you know if Mr. Tubbs hoped there  
4 would be violence?

5 A. I can't speak to Mr. Tubbs' mindset.

6 Q. Do you know if anyone at the League  
7 hoped there would be violence?

8 A. No one that I know of, so I don't know.

9 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you pull up Tab 23?

10 MS. RUSE: Tab 23 will be Exhibit 20.

11 MS. LIVERZANI: I'm not going to use 23.

12 Remove 20.

13 Q. Did the League prepare shields to use at  
14 Unite the Right?

15 A. Did the league prepare what?

16 Q. Shields.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Were the shields custom designed?

19 A. They were cut from food-grade plastic  
20 containers. So, yes, I think they were purposely  
21 made.

22 Q. Were they designed by League of the  
23 South?

24 A. I can't answer that. I don't -- I had  
25 never seen them prior to Charlottesville.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you pull up Tab 24?

3 MS. RUSE: Tab 24 will be Exhibit 20.

4 (Exhibit 20 Plaintiffs, E-mail

5 chain, 7-12-17, Bates stamped

6 MH00015502 through 00015505, was

7 marked for the purposes of

8 identification.)

9 MS. LIVERZANI: Please scroll down.

10 Can we go to the e-mail itself? It  
11 should be on the first page.

12 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

13 Q. All right. Mr. Baker, do you recall  
14 writing this e-mail?

15 A. No, I don't.

16 Q. Do you know who A. Thomas Davis is?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who is he?

19 A. He's a friend, here, in Kentucky.

20 Q. Is he a member of the League?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And he assisted with preparing the  
23 shields for Charlottesville, correct?

24 A. No.

25 Q. The first sentence says, "I conferred

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 with A. Thomas Davis earlier about our shields, he  
3 agreed to advise us on that matter."

4 Is that what you wrote?

5 A. That's what I wrote.

6 Q. Did Mr. Davis, in fact, advise you on  
7 that matter?

8 A. He would have advised us on the legality  
9 of the shields. Nothing to do with  
10 the fabrication of them.

11 Q. Okay.

12 MS. LIVERZANI: Let's go to the e-mail  
13 above this. It will be on the first page,  
14 Ms. Ruse.

15 Q. On July 12th, Mr. Hill writes to you,  
16 "Ike: I will find out the dimensions. These  
17 shields are being made at an LS workshop and  
18 supervised by some ex-LEOs in our organization.  
19 Below is a photo."

20 Do you know what the "LS workshop" is?

21 A. No, I don't.

22 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we scroll down to  
23 the image?

24 Q. Is this the design of the shield that  
25 League of the South used at Unite the Right?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. It appears to be, yes.

3 Q. And you received this e-mail on July  
4 12th, 2017, correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Would you like to revise your testimony,  
7 that you didn't see the shield until the rally  
8 itself?

9 A. I didn't recall seeing the shields, so I  
10 guess I'll have to revise that I saw this  
11 photograph.

12 As I said, it was more than three years  
13 ago. I don't recall this e-mail, don't recall  
14 that photograph. I still can't say that I recall  
15 seeing it, but it's obvious that I did.

16 Q. And the shields were to be used as  
17 defense, correct?

18 A. Defensive and only defensive, yes.

19 Q. Can a shield be used offensively?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. At the Charlottesville rally, members of  
22 the League of the South used shields to push  
23 through the crowds, correct?

24 A. I don't know the answer to that. I was  
25 far back in the formation.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we go to Tab 25?

3 MS. RUSE: Tab 25 will be Exhibit 21.

4 (Exhibit 21 Plaintiffs, E-mail  
5 chain, 3-1-18, Bates stamped  
6 MH00014984, was marked for the  
7 purposes of identification.)

8 MS. LIVERZANI: Please scroll down.

9 Q. This is an e-mail from you, dated  
10 March 1st, 2018.

11 A. Can you shrink this just a little? The  
12 Zoom tabs on the right are blocking me from seeing  
13 the entire text. Thank you.

14 Q. If I can direct your attention to the  
15 fourth line. You write, "I have sought legal  
16 advice concerning our shields and other defensive  
17 appurtenances such as the clubs and batons many of  
18 us used to great effect last summer at  
19 Charlottesville?"

20 Do you see that?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. And members of the League did, in fact,  
23 use batons at Charlottesville, correct?

24 A. Some individuals did bring their own  
25 clubs and batons to protect themselves with, yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Are you aware of Dr. Hill, Mr. Tubbs or  
3 yourself telling any members of the League that  
4 they should not bring weapons to Charlottesville?

5 A. No, I'm not. I don't recall that.

6 Q. The League had medical staff at Unite  
7 the Right, correct?

8 A. Please define "medical staff" for me.

9 Q. Did the League ask people at the rally  
10 with training to provide first aid?

11 A. Yes. Under that definition, yes.

12 Q. And were these people there in case  
13 members of the League did require first aid?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Are you familiar with Discord?

16 A. I've heard of it, yes.

17 Q. Did you use Discord in connection with  
18 Unite the Right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Was your handle "Baker#1372"?

21 A. I don't remember the 1372. I haven't  
22 used Discord in almost three years. But Baker,  
23 that could have easily been me.

24 Q. Do you have multiple Discord handles?

25 A. No.



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2 MS. LIVERZANI: Go to Tab 34.

3 MS. RUSE: Tab 34 will be Exhibit 22.

4 (Exhibit 22 Plaintiffs, Discord  
5 Photos and posts, 8-6-17,  
6 Charlottesville 2.0,  
7 #leadership\_discussion, no Bates  
8 stamps, was marked for the purposes  
9 of identification.)

10 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you please scroll  
11 down to the next page? Sorry. Go up above  
12 this photo.

13 MS. RUSE: Okay.

14 MS. LIVERZANI: There you go.

15 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

16 Q. "Baker#1372" is you, correct?

17 A. Yeah. Yeah, that's me. I don't recall  
18 that number, though, but that seems -- based on  
19 the message there, that seems like me.

20 Q. Replying to "@Tyrone#4532," you write,  
21 "I'm POC for the League per Dr. Hill."

22 What does "POC" stand for?

23 A. Point of contact.

24 Q. Were you the point of contact for the  
25 League on Discord?

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2 A. No. I was point of contact to Kessler  
3 and the organizers, so we could, in whatever way  
4 it turned out to be possible, coordinate with him  
5 and his fellow organizers.

6 Q. Were only League of the South members on  
7 Discord?

8 A. I'm sorry. Please repeat that.

9 Q. Were only League of the South members on  
10 Discord?

11 A. I'm only clarifying that I'm  
12 understanding you correctly, because that sounded  
13 a little garbled.

14 Did you ask me if only League of the  
15 South members were on Discord?

16 Q. Correct.

17 A. No.

18 Q. Were there members of other  
19 organizations that were present at the Unite the  
20 Right rally on Discord?

21 A. Yes, there were.

22 Q. And did you communicate with some of  
23 those individuals?

24 A. Yes.

25 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you pull up Tab 33?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. RUSE: Tab 33 will be Exhibit 23.

3 (Exhibit 23 Plaintiffs, Discord  
4 Photos and posts, 8-8=17,  
5 Charlottesville 2.0, #general\_1, no  
6 Bates stamps, was marked for the  
7 purposes of identification.)

8 MS. LIVERZANI: This one will be Page 5.

9 Can we make that a bit larger? Okay. Scroll  
10 down to the bottom of this page.

11 Q. Mr. Baker, are you able to read this? I  
12 know that it's very small.

13 A. Not really.

14 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we -- Ms. Ruse, can  
15 we make the window wider?

16 THE WITNESS: Actually, I see what it is  
17 you want me to read, I believe.

18 Q. The bottom message, dated August 8th,  
19 2017 is from you, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. It says, "The League will be there in  
22 force. You may depend on it," correct?

23 A. That is what it says, yes.

24 Q. So for context, I'm going to take you  
25 up a little bit higher.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you please scroll  
3 up, Ms. Ruse? It will be Mr. Ash Brighton.  
4 Up one more. Thanks.

5 Q. Do you know who Ash Brighton is?

6 A. No. I don't know who any of these  
7 people are. I didn't then and I don't now.

8 Q. When you stated "The League will be  
9 there in force. You may depend upon it," do you  
10 think you were responding to someone?

11 A. I don't think so. I don't know. If I  
12 was, I can't even imagine who it would have been.  
13 My reply isn't addressed to anyone that I saw. I  
14 don't recall the context of that message in any  
15 way.

16 Q. This individual, Ash Brighton, writes,  
17 "For those of you who have talked to people that  
18 changed their mind about going, what was the  
19 reason they gave? I'm curious."

20 Do you see that?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. And then, if you go down, there's a  
23 message by M-e-l-e-k-t-a-u-s.

24 A. Yes, I see it. I see it.

25 Q. Do you know who that individual is?

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2 A. I have no idea.

3 Q. They write, "One reason is fear of  
4 arrest and subsequent dox which will cause loss of  
5 job or family repercussions. But apparently more  
6 people have vowed to attend after finding out  
7 about the kikery with the permit."

8 Do you see that?

9 A. I do.

10 Q. Do you know what "kikery" means?

11 A. No idea.

12 Q. The next message, McCarthy writes, "Even  
13 if I was the only person there, I would still  
14 March on Lee Park."

15 Do you see that?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. On then three down you write, "The  
18 League will be there in force. You may depend  
19 upon it."

20 Is that right?

21 A. I see that, yes.

22 Q. Is it fair to say, based on this  
23 discussion, there were conversations about whether  
24 individuals still planned to attend the rally as  
25 of August 8th?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. I'm sorry. Is there a question in  
3 there?

4 MS. LIVERZANI: Can the court reporter,  
5 please read back the question?

6 THE WITNESS: If there was a question, I  
7 didn't catch --

8 THE COURT REPORTER: No. And there was  
9 some problem with the audio, so I'll give it a  
10 good try, but I was having trouble  
11 understanding also.

12 (Record read.)

13 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

14 Q. Is it fair to say that, as of  
15 August 8th, 2017, there were conversations on  
16 Discord about whether people were still planning  
17 to attend the rally?

18 A. Yes, that is fair to say.

19 Q. And the League ultimately did decide to  
20 attend the rally?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did you ever discuss conversations you  
23 had on Discord with Dr. Hill?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you discuss them with Michael Tubbs?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you discuss them with anyone at the  
4 League?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Why were you on Discord?

7 A. Initially it was to communicate with  
8 Mr. Kessler and the other organizers, so that we  
9 could have some degree of cooperation.

10 Q. Are you aware that there are multiple  
11 channels on Discord?

12 A. Is that what they call servers?

13 Q. Yes. Channels, servers.

14 A. Yeah, I -- yes, I am aware that there  
15 were different channels, servers, yes, I am aware  
16 of that.

17 Q. Do you recall which servers you  
18 participated in?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you participate in the leadership  
21 server?

22 A. As I recall at the top, this is from the  
23 leadership server, the channel, correct? At the  
24 very top, that's what I thought I saw, and that's  
25 what I'm going to have to base my answer on.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. I believe at the top it says "general"  
3 server?

4 A. Then I can't recall.

5 Q. Do you have an independent recollection  
6 of participating in the leadership --

7 A. It does say "general\_1."

8 I can't answer that. I don't recall if  
9 I participated in the leadership channel or not.  
10 This was all very unfamiliar with me. I was not  
11 in any way well versed in how to use this sort of  
12 medium, then or now, frankly.

13 Q. Are you aware that servers are invite  
14 only?

15 A. What does that mean? What do you mean  
16 by "invite only"? I don't know what that means.

17 Q. Anyone joining a server.

18 A. I don't recall.

19 Q. Did you ask to join any servers?

20 A. I don't recall.

21 Q. Did anyone ever instruct you to keep  
22 discussions from the Discord servers private?

23 A. Not that I recall, no.

24 Q. Do you have an understanding that the  
25 discussions should be private?



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2 A. I don't recall. I don't recall.

3 Q. Do you recall ever hearing about leaks  
4 from the Discord service -- server?

5 A. No.

6 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you pull up Tab 35?

7 MS. RUSE: Tab 35 will be Exhibit 24.

8 (Exhibit 24 Plaintiffs, Discord  
9 posts, 8-2-17, leadership\_  
10 discussion , no Bates stamps, was  
11 marked for the purposes of  
12 identification.)

13 Q. Mr. Baker, is that your handle, five  
14 from the top?

15 A. As I've said, I don't recall that  
16 number, but that is my surname. So I'm not going  
17 to dispute that that's me, but I don't recall  
18 typing out that message at all.

19 Q. Was there another Mr. Baker that was a  
20 point of contact for the League of the South per  
21 Michael Hill?

22 A. No. As I say, that's my surname and  
23 these seem like my messages. So I'm not disputing  
24 that this is me.

25 But when you ask me if Baker#1372 is me,

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 I don't remember that number.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. Look at the top. It says "leadership\_  
6 discussion."

7 A. I see. So obviously, I did participate,  
8 but I don't recall doing that.

9 Q. The first message says, "We need to  
10 tighten security around here."

11 And that's written by "Goldstein Riots."  
12 Do you see that?

13 A. I do.

14 Q. And then below, immediately below your  
15 post.

16 A. I see that. I do.

17 Q. "Volkisch Sombat."

18 It says, "Well, looks like someone else  
19 leaked shit from this channel again."

20 Does that refresh your recollection that  
21 there was a concern about the secrecy of the  
22 channel?

23 A. It doesn't refresh a specific  
24 recollection, no. But it does lend credence to  
25 what you were asking me about concern about leaks.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 So it's hard to dispute what's right  
3 there. And, in point of fact, I'm not disputing  
4 it, but I don't recall -- I don't recall this. I  
5 just don't. It was three -- almost three years  
6 ago.

7 I'm sorry I don't have a better answer,  
8 but that's a factual answer that I'll stand by.

9 MS. LIVERZANI: I think this is a good  
10 time to take a break. We can go off the  
11 record.

12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 12:08  
13 p.m. We're off the record.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 (Recess taken from 12:08 p.m. to  
3 1:06 p.m.)

4 AFTERNOON SESSION

5 (Time noted: 1:06 p.m.)

6 R O B E R T (I K E) B A K E R,

7 resumed and testified as follows:

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1:06 p.m.

9 We're on the record.

10 EXAMINATION CONTINUED

11 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

12 Q. Mr. Baker, earlier you described your  
13 activities of coordinating on-the-ground  
14 operations for Unite the Right, is that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you pull up Tab 27?

17 MS. RUSE: Tab 27 will be Exhibit 25.

18 (Exhibit 25 Plaintiffs, E-mail with  
19 attachment, 7-17-17, Bates stamped  
20 MH00014494 through 0014516, was  
21 marked for the purposes of  
22 identification.)

23 Q. Mr. Baker, this is an e-mail from Nous  
24 Defions to Mr. Hill, Mr. Tubbs and another  
25 individual with the e-mail, LSN2 and copying you,

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. The subject is "Security Briefing  
5 slides," correct?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. Did you instruct anyone to provide  
8 security briefings for the rally?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Were you responsible for doing security  
11 briefings?

12 A. I probably should have asked for this  
13 clarification: By "security briefing," can you  
14 tell me what exactly you mean by that?

15 Q. Were you involved in coordinating the  
16 logistics of the on-the-ground operations?

17 A. The logistics, yes. Logistics and  
18 security are two separate areas, ma'am.

19 Q. Did coordinating the logistics involve  
20 determining if certain areas were appropriate for  
21 staging?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did that also involve determining if  
24 certain routes would be appropriate?

25 A. Did you say routes?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Routes, yes.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And part of that process is determining  
5 if they are safe and secure, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Do you know who the author of this  
8 e-mail is, Nous Defions?

9 A. No, I don't.

10 Q. Do you know LSN2 is?

11 A. No, I don't.

12 Q. Have you seen this e-mail before?

13 A. I haven't seen the body of the e-mail  
14 yet, so I can't say.

15 Q. Well, this is the body of the e-mail,  
16 Mr. Baker, and you were copied on it.

17 A. That's it? Just one word?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. No, I have no recollection of this at  
20 all.

21 Q. The attachment says, "Cville intel  
22 report."

23 Do you recall ever reviewing any C'ville  
24 intel reports?

25 A. No.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. When you received this e-mail, would you  
3 have reviewed the attachments?

4 A. Yes, I would have, but I have no  
5 recollection of the e-mail.

6 Do you have the attachments that could  
7 jog my memory?

8 Q. Let's look at the attachments and see if  
9 they refresh your recollection.

10 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you go to  
11 the first attachment? It's on the second  
12 page.

13 Q. This is a satellite view of Lee Park and  
14 surrounding streets.

15 Do you see that?

16 A. Yes, I do.

17 Q. Did you request anyone provide you with  
18 these images?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did Dr. Hill request that he be provided  
21 with the images?

22 A. I missed the -- would you repeat that?

23 Q. Did Dr. Hill request that he be provided  
24 with the images?

25 A. I can't answer that. I don't have any

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 idea.

3 Q. Was there anyone at the League who was  
4 responsible for compiling these intelligence  
5 reports?

6 A. Not to my knowledge.

7 Q. You previously said that you reviewed  
8 aerial photographs to determine staging areas, is  
9 that correct?

10 A. That is correct.

11 Q. Are these the type of aerial photographs  
12 you would have reviewed?

13 A. I generated my own access to aerial  
14 photographs. So, yes, this is the type of  
15 photograph I would have reviewed, but I have no  
16 recollection of this particular view or of this  
17 e-mail.

18 Q. Did you use Google Maps to generate  
19 those satellite views?

20 A. Yes, I did.

21 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you scroll down to  
22 what is Bates number 14499?

23 Q. Were you involved in planning the lines  
24 of approach to the statue in Lee Park?

25 A. No, I was not.



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Do you know who was involved?

3 A. No, I don't.

4 MS. LIVERZANI: Let me go down to 14501.

5 Q. This image highlights surveillance  
6 cameras around Lee Park, is that correct?

7 A. Yes, that seems so.

8 Q. And the reason you're highlighting  
9 surveillance cameras is because you want to know  
10 if the League is going to be recorded at Unite the  
11 Right, correct?

12 A. I can't speak to that. I've never seen  
13 this before.

14 Q. Did you note surveillance cameras when  
15 you were coordinating on-the-ground logistics?

16 A. No, I had no reason to.

17 Q. Were you aware of surveillance cameras?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Can you speculate as to why anyone at  
20 League of the South would be tracking security  
21 cameras?

22 A. No, ma'am, I could not.

23 Q. Did you instruct anyone to visit  
24 Charlottesville before the rally, for the purposes  
25 of scoping out the location?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. No, I don't -- I don't believe I did,  
3 no.

4 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you pull up Tab 288,  
5 please?

6 MS. RUSE: Tab 28 will be Exhibit 26.

7 (Exhibit 26 Plaintiffs, E-mail  
8 chain, 7-14-17, Bates stamped  
9 MH00014517 through 00014519, was  
10 marked for the purposes of  
11 identification.)

12 MS. LIVERZANI: Would you please scroll  
13 down to the July 13th e-mail at 5:21 p.m.?

14 Q. Mr. Baker, this is an e-mail dated July  
15 13th, 2017 from you to Mr. Hill, is that correct?

16 A. It does seem so, yes.

17 Q. And you write, "Excellent development,  
18 sir. In my view, every other reason for we  
19 discussed proceeding as an ad hoc advance party  
20 remains in place. I'm arranging a conversation  
21 with J. Schoep. Upon his acceptance of the  
22 conditions you laid out last night, planning of  
23 Operation Shoo-Fly begins in earnest. I'll be  
24 briefing Dennis and Stan tonight if possible.  
25 They visited C'ville again today for scouting and

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 reconnaissance purposes."

3 Does this refresh your recollection that  
4 members of the League of the South did, in fact,  
5 conduct scouting and reconnaissance?

6 A. This e-mail would make it seem so, but I  
7 have no recollection of this e-mail at all and I  
8 do not know the source of this.

9 Q. Do you doubt the authenticity of this  
10 e-mail?

11 A. I have no reason not to doubt it.

12 Q. Do you doubt that you wrote that "they  
13 visited C'ville again today for scouting and  
14 reconnaissance purposes"?

15 A. I don't recall writing this e-mail.  
16 I'll grant it may or may not be genuine, but I  
17 don't recall it.

18 Q. Do you have any reason to believe it is  
19 not genuine?

20 A. Of course.

21 Q. What reason do you have to believe it's  
22 not genuine?

23 A. I don't know where this came from and I  
24 don't have a recollection of it.

25 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you please

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 scroll down to the bottom of this page?

3 That's good.

4 Q. Mr. Baker, if I can direct your  
5 attention to the bottom right-hand corner.

6 Do you know what a Bates number is?

7 A. A what?

8 Q. A Bates number.

9 A. No, I don't.

10 Q. In litigation, when parties produce  
11 documents, they're stamped with something called a  
12 Bates number.

13 Have you heard that before?

14 A. No, I have not.

15 Q. "MH" at the front of the Bates number  
16 means that this document was provided by Michael  
17 Hill.

18 Does that make sense to you?

19 A. I understand what you're saying.

20 Q. Do you have reason to believe that  
21 Michael Hill would have provided us with incorrect  
22 or false documents?

23 A. Of course not. If the authenticity is  
24 established, then I won't question the genuineness  
25 of it, but I still don't recall these specific

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 e-mails, ma'am.

3 Q. In this e-mail you say that you're

4 arranging a conversation with J. Schoep.

5 Who is that?

6 A. At the time he was the leader of the

7 NSM.

8 Q. And you were arranging a conversation

9 with him to discuss planning to Unite the Right,

10 correct?

11 A. Yes. It would have had to do with our

12 assembly point and that would have been the extent

13 of that.

14 Q. What is "Operation Shoo-Fly"?

15 A. I don't recall that name specifically.

16 I don't recall it. I don't think it was anything

17 in serious earnestness.

18 Q. What were the conditions that Mr. Hill

19 laid out, that you wanted Mr. Schoep to accept?

20 A. May I look at the e-mail again?

21 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you scroll

22 up?

23 THE WITNESS: Okay. There it is.

24 I don't recall. I don't recall.

25 Q. Okay. Let's go up to the top of this

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 page. This is an e-mail from July 13th at 11:09  
3 p.m.

4 That was sent by you, is that correct?

5 A. It would appear to be, yes.

6 Q. And you write, "Jeff Schoep is 100  
7 percent onboard, sir. He accepted our terms  
8 unequivocally and without hesitation. He also  
9 asked to be kept abreast and that I coordinate NSM  
10 participation with two of his people, one of whom  
11 I'm well acquainted with, the other of whom I have  
12 met."

13 Do you see that?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. When he writes that "Jeff Schoep is 100  
16 percent onboard," do you know what he's referring  
17 to?

18 A. No, I don't.

19 Q. Does it relate to the Unite the Right  
20 rally?

21 A. Yes. That's clear, but I don't recall  
22 what he was onboard with. I don't recall what  
23 terms I was referring to.

24 I need to say, again, this was three  
25 years ago. I don't recall.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Let's look at the third sentence. It  
3 says that, "He also asked to be kept abreast and  
4 that you coordinate NSM participation with two of  
5 his people."

6 Is it correct that you coordinated  
7 participation with two members of NSM?

8 A. I passed along our assembly point. That  
9 would be the extent of the coordination, yes.

10 Q. Who are the two individuals at NSM that  
11 you contacted?

12 A. I only remember one name. His name was  
13 Brian. I don't recall his surname.

14 Q. How do you know him?

15 A. We had met previously at the meeting --  
16 no, no, we hadn't met yet then. We had only  
17 spoken on the telephone.

18 Q. What did you speak about?

19 A. I don't recall.

20 Q. Would it have been your respective  
21 organizations?

22 A. No, I don't believe so.

23 Q. Did you have a social relationship with  
24 him?

25 A. We live a similar type of rural

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 lifestyle, so we were probably discussing  
3 something that had nothing to do with  
4 organizations or events or anything of that  
5 nature.

6 Q. But you did discuss Unite the Right in  
7 July, when you received this e-mail, is that  
8 correct?

9 A. Again, the e-mail would suggest so, but  
10 I don't recall.

11 Q. You said the information you would have  
12 conveyed to him would have been about your staging  
13 point, correct?

14 A. That would have been the only possible  
15 thing it could have been.

16 Q. Why is that the only possible thing it  
17 could have been?

18 A. That was the only thing we coordinated  
19 with them at all.

20 Q. Did they tell you their staging point?

21 A. We used the same staging point, ma'am.  
22 So, no, they didn't.

23 Q. And you were informing them of your  
24 staging points by e-mail, is that right?

25 A. That would be correct.



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you pull up Tab 37,  
3 please?

4 MS. RUSE: Tab 37 will be Exhibit 27.  
5 (Exhibit 27 Plaintiff, Image,  
6 "Unite the Right, August 12th,  
7 2017, @12PM, Lee Park, no Bates  
8 stamps, was marked for the purposes  
9 of identification.)

10 Q. Have you seen this image before?

11 A. Yes, actually, I have.

12 Q. In what context did you see it?

13 A. Somewhere on social media. I couldn't  
14 recall exactly where.

15 Q. This is a flyer for the Unite the Right  
16 rally, is that correct?

17 A. It would appear so. I never saw a  
18 physical flyer. I don't mean to parse words with  
19 you. I never saw a physical flyer, but I did see  
20 this graphic somewhere on social media.

21 Q. And those birds appearing on the left  
22 and right side of the flyer, those are Nazi party  
23 symbols, correct?

24 A. No, they're not.

25 Q. Are they just birds?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. Are they what?

3 Q. Are they just birds?

4 A. I think they're probably eagles. I  
5 don't know what they are specifically.

6 Q. Are you aware that the Nazi party did,  
7 in fact, use eagles as a symbol?

8 A. Yes, actually, I am aware of that.

9 Q. If I can direct your attention to the  
10 bottom right-hand corner.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. You'll see there's an individual raising  
13 their arm at a 45-degree angle.

14 A. I do see that.

15 Q. Do you recognize that as a Nazi salute?

16 A. No, I would not.

17 MS. LIVERZANI: Please scroll back up.

18 Q. Do you know Mr. Richard Spencer?

19 A. I've never met him. I know of him.

20 Q. Do you know he's a defendant in this  
21 lawsuit?

22 A. I don't know the answer to that. I  
23 don't know.

24 Q. Do you know Mike Enoch?

25 A. I know of him. I've never met him.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. How do you know of him?

3 A. He's a figure in the Alt-Right. That  
4 would be the extent of what I know about him.

5 Q. Do you know that he's a defendant in  
6 this lawsuit?

7 A. I don't know the answer to that.

8 Q. How about Jason Kessler, do you know  
9 him?

10 A. Did you just ask me about Jason Kessler?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. Yes, I know of Jason Kessler. We've  
13 never met.

14 Q. Aside from Mr. -- Dr. Hill, have you  
15 ever met any of the individuals who are listed on  
16 this flyer?

17 A. I've met Matt Heimbach.

18 Q. In what context did you meet him?

19 A. I've seen him at different activities  
20 and rallies.

21 Q. Have you spoken to him?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When would that have been?

24 A. Please repeat that.

25 Q. When would that have been? When did you

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 speak to him?

3 A. At this point, I actually haven't spoken  
4 with Heimbach in almost a year. He and I spoke as  
5 much and as little as anyone else prior to Unite  
6 the Right. So I've had a number of conversations  
7 with Heimbach.

8 Q. Can we go back to Exhibit 8?

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. Scroll down to the e-mail on the bottom  
11 of this page.

12 A. Can you reduce the width just a bit?  
13 The Zoom windows are blocking the very right-hand  
14 side.

15 Thank you.

16 Q. This is the e-mail that we looked at  
17 earlier, that you sent to Michael Hill on June  
18 28th.

19 A. I recall it.

20 Q. And you say, there's "time on the agenda  
21 for your greetings, comments or whatever. I  
22 received an affirmative response from Culpeper an  
23 NSM organizer, and also from Matthew."

24 Is Matthew here Matthew Heimbach?

25 A. Yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. And did you meet with Mr. Heimbach at  
3 this NSM event?

4 A. We had an opportunity to speak, yes.

5 Q. Was he present when you relayed  
6 Mr. Hill's comments above to the group?

7 A. I don't recall specifically if he was in  
8 the room, so I can't give a definitive answer to  
9 that.

10 Q. Are you aware if he shares the beliefs  
11 that are reflected in Mr. Hill's messages?

12 A. I can't speak to Matthew Heimbach's  
13 beliefs.

14 Q. Are you familiar with an event that took  
15 place in Charlottesville, Virginia the night  
16 before Unite the Right, on August 11th, 2017?

17 A. I am familiar with that.

18 Q. The League did not participate, is that  
19 correct?

20 A. The League did not participate.

21 Q. You understand that this was a torch  
22 march at the University of Virginia, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Were there any internal discussions at  
25 the League about whether to participate in the

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 torch rally?

3 A. I don't recall the content of any  
4 conversations, but I do recall that we were  
5 unambiguous in not participating and advising our  
6 people not to participate, but I can't officially  
7 speak for the League of the South.

8 Q. What do you mean when you say you were  
9 "unambiguous"?

10 A. We told our people we didn't want to  
11 participate, the League did not intend to have a  
12 presence there. We basically wanted nothing to do  
13 with it.

14 MS. LIVERZANI: Please pull up Tab 30.

15 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I missed what  
16 you said. Please repeat that.

17 MS. LIVERZANI: I was just asking  
18 Ms. Ruse to pull up Tab 30.

19 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm sorry. I  
20 thought you were talking to me.

21 MS. RUSE: Tab 30 will be Exhibit 28.

22 (Exhibit 28 Plaintiffs, E-mail  
23 chain, 8-11-17, Bates stamped  
24 MH00015437, was marked for the  
25 purposes of identification.)

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. If you look at the bottom e-mail on the  
3 chain, it's from Gordy Lockerbie.

4 Do you know who that is?

5 A. I see it.

6 Q. Do you know who Mr. Lockerbie is?

7 A. I didn't know him, so I can't answer  
8 that.

9 Q. Mr. Baker, the question is: Do you know  
10 who he is?

11 A. I believe -- I learned much later that  
12 he is a League member, but I did not know him at  
13 the time. That name meant nothing to me three  
14 years ago.

15 Q. Mr. Lockerbie writes to Michael Hill on  
16 August 11th, "Torchlight rally time and location  
17 have been leaked and Antifa is posting that they  
18 will be there. If LS is in attendance, be  
19 cautious."

20 Do you see that?

21 A. I see it.

22 Q. Then Mr. Hill responds, "Thanks, but  
23 this is not our game. We are sending two  
24 observers."

25 Do you see that?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. I do.

3 Q. So the League sent two observers to the  
4 torch rally, correct?

5 A. This e-mail would say so, but I knew  
6 nothing about it.

7 Q. Do you think sending two observers is  
8 consistent with your statement that the League  
9 wanted nothing to do with the torch rally?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. In your mind sending two observers  
12 constitutes nothing to do?

13 A. Observers observe, so I stand by my  
14 statement.

15 Q. Do you know who the two observers were?

16 A. No, I do not.

17 Q. Do you know why the League would have  
18 sent two observers?

19 A. I couldn't speak for the League. I  
20 don't know.

21 Q. Do you know if the two observers  
22 reported back to anyone at the League?

23 A. I couldn't answer that. I don't know.

24 Q. Are you aware that at the torch rally  
25 there was a violent clash between protestors and



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 counter-protestors?

3 A. I learned that after the fact. So, yes,  
4 I am aware, but on that Friday evening, I had no  
5 knowledge at all.

6 Q. When did you learn about the violent  
7 clash at the torch rally?

8 A. Probably sometime well after that  
9 weekend. I knew nothing about it the next day.

10 Q. You previously said that you arrived in  
11 Charlottesville on the afternoon of August 11th,  
12 is that correct?

13 A. I missed what you said. I'm sorry. Our  
14 audio is just a little bit not as clear as it was  
15 before we took the break.

16 Q. You previously said that you arrived in  
17 Charlottesville on the afternoon of August 11th?

18 A. Yes, that is correct.

19 Q. And where were you staying?

20 A. We had a lodging probably 12 to 15 miles  
21 away from Charlottesville.

22 Q. How many individuals were staying there?

23 A. I couldn't answer that. I don't know.

24 Q. Was it more than ten?

25 A. I would estimate it may very well have

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 been more than ten.

3 Q. Would it have been more than 50?

4 A. I can say more than ten. I can't answer  
5 more definitively than that.

6 Q. Was Michael Hill amongst those ten  
7 people?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Was Mr. Tubbs?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Was Spencer Borum?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Was Gordy Lockerbie?

14 A. I do not recall seeing him, no.

15 Q. Was Brad Griffin (phonetic)?

16 A. I do not recall seeing Brad.

17 Q. Were there any events at the compound on  
18 Friday night?

19 A. Define "events," please.

20 Q. Did you engage in any socializing?

21 A. There was socializing going on,  
22 certainly.

23 Q. Did you engage in any planning for the  
24 next day?

25 A. No. No planning was -- no planning was

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 undertaken on Friday evening.

3 Q. Did you discuss the next day?

4 A. We did discuss the next day, but the  
5 planning was long concluded by that point.

6 Q. What was the nature of your  
7 conversations about the next day?

8 A. Briefing our people about what to  
9 expect; discussing the laws of Virginia;  
10 emphasizing that we expected all of our people to  
11 follow every law of the State of Virginia, the  
12 City of Charlottesville, cautions about measures  
13 of self-defense; forgive me if I already said  
14 this, we discussed the route in.

15 It was simply informing our people how  
16 to stay safe and get in and out of  
17 Charlottesville. At that time, we still hoped  
18 that it would be without incident.

19 Q. Did your briefing include any type of  
20 warning that there might be a violent clash with  
21 counter-protestors?

22 A. No, we didn't discuss a potential clash  
23 with violent protestors.

24 Q. You just said that you discussed  
25 self-defense.

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2 What would they be defending against?

3 A. At that time we had already seen events  
4 in Sacramento and Barclay (phonetic). We knew  
5 that Antifa has great potential to be violent.  
6 And we will do our best to keep our people  
7 prepared for eventualities that we hope will not  
8 happen, and how to remain safe and within the law,  
9 if those circumstances do, in fact, occur. But at  
10 the time we never dreamed what would actually  
11 happen the next day.

12 Q. I'm going to direct your attention back  
13 to Exhibit 19.

14 MS. LIVERZANI: Let's scroll down,  
15 please, to the second page.

16 Q. Just to remind you, this is an e-mail  
17 that Mr. Hill sent to you and others on July 7th.  
18 And in the second paragraph, on the next page, the  
19 one beginning with "The upshot."

20 It says, "The upshot is this: Antifa  
21 indeed will show up in large numbers in C'ville.  
22 And they, according to what I've been told, will  
23 have explosives, firearms and various other  
24 weapons with the intent to use them against us."

25 Is that what Mr. Hill wrote?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. I can't speak to that. I never saw his  
3 e-mail.

4 Q. You received this e-mail, but you didn't  
5 read it?

6 A. I don't recall seeing this e-mail.

7 Q. So when you say that no one dreamed of  
8 what would happen the next day, you don't recall  
9 having read this e-mail, which seems to anticipate  
10 that there might be violence?

11 A. When Antifa is in the mix, we prepare  
12 for any eventuality. As I said, we already had a  
13 pretty good sampling of what they can be like when  
14 they're allowed to run wild.

15 However, our most recent experience in  
16 Pikeville, Kentucky, was that if law enforcement  
17 actually fulfilled their duty, we could have a  
18 successful, peaceful day with no violence and no  
19 injuries. That was what we hoped for, but we  
20 prepared for a situation that could be much worse  
21 than that.

22 Q. Let's scroll up to Mr. Tubbs' comments.

23 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you scroll up,

24 Ms. Ruse?

25 Q. Mr. Tubbs responds, "Even though we

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 haven't had any hard intell so far to make us  
3 believe there was going to be violence, I think we  
4 all assumed there would be (and maybe some hoped  
5 for it)."

6 You just said that no one was hoping for  
7 violence, correct?

8 A. I can't speak to this e-mail. And he  
9 doesn't say some. He says "(and maybe even hoped  
10 for it)." He doesn't specify in any way who he's  
11 talking about.

12 But I can't speak to Mr. Tubbs' e-mail.  
13 I don't believe I'm on the distribution list for  
14 this one, am I? Are you asserting that I saw that  
15 e-mail, ma'am?

16 Q. I'm not. I'm just asking you to  
17 opine --

18 A. I won't try to speak to what prompted  
19 him to write something in an e-mail that was not  
20 addressed to me.

21 Q. The League assembled on Saturday  
22 morning, correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. And was that at the staging area that  
25 you informed this National Socialist Workers

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Movement of?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And did they, in fact, show up there?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Were you in contact with the police on  
7 Saturday morning at all?

8 A. No.

9 Q. What was the initial assembly point?

10 A. We had found a parking lot on the main  
11 road out of Charlottesville -- I can't recall what  
12 the highway number was -- a plaza where it seemed  
13 like none of the businesses would be open early in  
14 the morning, so we could assemble peacefully and  
15 leave in an orderly manner which, frankly, we did  
16 accomplish.

17 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you pull up Tab 32,  
18 please?

19 Q. This is an audio file that was produced  
20 by Mr. Kessler in this litigation.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. I'm going to ask you to listen to it.

23 MS. RUSE: Tab 32 will be Exhibit 29.

24 (Exhibit 29 Plaintiffs,

25 Audio recording played into the

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 record, Demonstrative JK00077263,  
3 0:31-1:08, no Bates stamps, was  
4 marked for the purposes of  
5 identification.)

6 (Audio recording played as follows:)

7 "We're going to assemble in that  
8 parking garage and we headed to the  
9 top floor so we've got open air around  
10 us. We're going to assemble there,  
11 we're going to march as a mass. This  
12 is the greatest assemblage of which  
13 identitarians I've personally ever  
14 seen. (cheers)...Lee Park. We are  
15 going to take that park. We just saw  
16 the alt-right and the alt-light. None  
17 of us are here because we're alt-right  
18 or alt-light. We're here because  
19 we're the hard right. [cheers]."

20 Q. Mr. Baker, is that you speaking?

21 A. That is my voice, yes.

22 Q. And this was on August 12th, 2017,  
23 correct?

24 A. I don't recall that, frankly.

25 Q. Do you recall giving a speech on August



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 12th, 2013, before the League of the South convoy  
3 headed to the park?

4 A. No, I don't recall that. Frankly, I do  
5 recall doing that in Pikeville before we went to  
6 Pikeville.

7 Q. Is it your testimony that this speech  
8 was made at Pikeville?

9 A. I don't recall making the speech, so I'm  
10 not making a testimony either way. I'm telling  
11 you what I recall and what I don't.

12 Q. Do you doubt the authenticity of this  
13 recording?

14 A. No. That's -- that sounds like my  
15 voice. I don't doubt the veracity of it, but I  
16 don't recall giving the speech. And I didn't  
17 mention Pikeville in the speech. So that's where  
18 I will have to leave it lay.

19 I don't recall speaking with our people  
20 before Charlottesville.

21 Q. Do you recall speaking with anyone in  
22 the League of the South on August 12th, before you  
23 went to the garage?

24 A. No, I don't.

25 Q. You didn't speak with Michael Hill?

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. I misunderstood your question. I  
3 thought you asked me if anyone else spoke.

4 Please repeat your question. I just  
5 didn't hear it is all. Our audio is really not  
6 very good right now.

7 MS. LIVERZANI: The court reporter can  
8 read the question back for you.

9 THE WITNESS: Please do.

10 (Record read.)

11 THE WITNESS: I don't recall a specific  
12 conversation, but I'm certain I would have  
13 spoken with someone in the League of the South  
14 that morning.

15 Q. Did you speak with Mr. Hill?

16 A. I don't recall a specific conversation,  
17 but I'm sure we spoke.

18 Q. When you said, "This is the greatest  
19 assemblage of white identitarians I've personally  
20 ever seen," would you have been referring to the  
21 assembly at the Unite the Right rally?

22 A. I don't recall that speech, so I don't  
23 recall who that might have been directed to.

24 Q. Looking back today, what is "the  
25 greatest assemblage of white identitarians you've

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 personally ever seen"?

3 A. I truly don't recall.

4 Q. Would you consider Unite the Right an  
5 assemblage of white identitarians?

6 A. Would you define "white identitarian,"  
7 please?

8 Q. Mr. Baker, it's the language you used.

9 A. I don't recall using it. If you would  
10 like an explanation, I would like to know the  
11 definition that you're basing your question on.

12 Q. Mr. Baker, when you said "the greatest  
13 assemblage of white identitarians," what did you  
14 mean by "white identitarians"?

15 A. I can only surmise whites who identify  
16 as white. That seems how the etymology of the  
17 words would fit. I don't recall my mindset at the  
18 time, and I don't recall making the statement.

19 Q. Did you select the staging point?

20 A. That was part of my responsibility, yes.

21 Q. Why did you select the parking garage as  
22 the assembly point?

23 A. Okay. I did misunderstand your previous  
24 question.

25 I didn't make a distinction between an

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 assembly point and a staging point. We assembled  
3 outside of Charlottesville and drove into  
4 Charlottesville together, and then we actually  
5 staged to go to the park in the parking garage.

6 So if I'm understanding you correctly,  
7 you're asking me what caused me to select the  
8 parking garage, is that correct?

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. Two reasons: Number one, it allowed us  
11 to make a relatively short walk up Market Street  
12 to the park; and number two, as you may or may not  
13 be aware, that parking garage is literally right  
14 next door to the Charlottesville police station  
15 there. And I believed at the time that being  
16 parked in a parking garage right next to the  
17 police station would afford us some degree of  
18 security.

19 Q. By Saturday morning had you developed  
20 the opinion that the Charlottesville police were  
21 not going to be as effective as the Pikeville  
22 police?

23 A. No. I actually hadn't developed that  
24 opinion at all. I never, in my wildest dreams,  
25 imagined that the police would stand down and

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 watch violent felonies committed against us.

3 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we go off the  
4 record? My Live Litigation connection is not  
5 working.

6 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, I'm going off  
7 the record.

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 1:47 p.m. We're  
9 off the record.

10 (Recess taken from 1:47 p.m. to  
11 1:51 p.m.)

12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 1:51 p.m.  
13 We're on the record.

14 (Record read.)

15 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

16 Q. Mr. Baker, you previously testified that  
17 you reached out to the Charlottesville police.  
18 You only recall one actual conversation, and that  
19 the great majority of your calls were never  
20 returned.

21 Do you remember testifying to that?

22 A. That's correct. That's the -- yes.

23 Q. You said that you spoke to a police  
24 sergeant. His name was either Dewberry or  
25 Newberry.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Do you remember saying that?

3 A. Newbury or Dewberry, I don't -- yes, I  
4 do recall saying that.

5 Q. You said he provided no cooperation at  
6 all, no guidance whatsoever, is that correct?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Mr. Baker, based on the fact that the  
9 Charlottesville police were not cooperating and  
10 were not returning your calls, why did you think  
11 that they were going to be of assistance on the  
12 12th?

13 A. We expected no assistance. We simply  
14 expected lawful treatment.

15 Q. Do you recall how many League members  
16 assembled at the garage?

17 A. No, I don't.

18 Q. Were members of the National Socialist  
19 Movement present there, as well?

20 A. As I recall, yes.

21 Q. Were there members of any other groups  
22 present?

23 A. Whoever was in that group of people that  
24 walked up Market Street would have been in the  
25 garage.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Were members of Vanguard America  
3 present?

4 A. I don't recall specifically seeing  
5 Vanguard.

6 Q. Were members of the Traditionalist  
7 Worker Party present?

8 A. I do recall seeing some of them.

9 Q. Did you inform them that the garage was  
10 going to be the staging area?

11 A. We actually had hoped everyone would  
12 come there and park, so we would be together with  
13 our vehicles and together to walk up Market  
14 Street.

15 Q. Did you communicate that to anyone  
16 before the 12th?

17 A. No.

18 Q. So you did not communicate to anyone  
19 that you were hoping they all showed up to meet at  
20 the garage?

21 A. We didn't actually select the parking  
22 garage until I saw for myself where it was  
23 located. I had actually driven into  
24 Charlottesville early in the morning to see if the  
25 streets were still open to get to the parking

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 garage. And when they were, we came back to the  
3 area in the shopping center parking lot, where it  
4 would have been past there.

5 Q. Aside from the people that gathered with  
6 you at the assembly point, did you notify anyone  
7 that the staging area for League of the South and  
8 for the National Socialist Movement, was going to  
9 be the garage?

10 A. I don't recall whether I did or not. As  
11 I recollect, word would have been passed that the  
12 parking garage was our designation on that  
13 Saturday morning in the parking lot of that  
14 shopping plaza.

15 Q. Would you have passed that word?

16 A. Pardon me?

17 Q. Would you have passed that word?

18 A. I probably -- I came back from visiting  
19 Charlottesville. I saw no reason we couldn't use  
20 the parking garage, so I came back. I didn't  
21 personally pass the word to every person there and  
22 I don't recall exactly who it was that I told it  
23 to, but that was a question that needed to be  
24 answered, and when we had the answer. The word  
25 was passed, although I can't recall specifically



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 who would have passed it.

3 Q. Did you inform Jeff Schoep?

4 A. Not personally, no.

5 Q. Are you aware of anyone at the League  
6 informing Jeff Schoep?

7 A. I don't know who might have done that.  
8 As I say, I don't know exactly what the path was  
9 for the word to be passed. But I know once I  
10 found the parking garage unobstructed, no  
11 police barricades set up in front of it and, for  
12 what it's worth, no Antifa on Market Street, we  
13 proceeded to the parking garage.

14 I don't recall how the word was passed.

15 Q. But the word was, in fact passed,  
16 correct?

17 A. Well, everyone got there. So, yes, I  
18 think that's a fair answer.

19 Q. Once you left the garage, the objective  
20 was to get to Lee Park, correct?

21 A. Yes. But I want to clarify. Once we  
22 were together -- once -- once I had determined  
23 that the parking garage was available to us, my  
24 responsibility was fulfilled. So I wouldn't be  
25 able to answer any specific questions about

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 actions taken or decisions made once we got to the  
3 parking garage. My responsibility, at that point,  
4 had been fulfilled.

5 Q. Did you participate in the march?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q. Did you see other members of the League  
8 of the South participating in the march?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. Did you see Michael Hill participating  
11 in the march?

12 A. No. I was about 50 feet back from the  
13 front, so I didn't see anything of the front of  
14 our group.

15 Q. Are you aware of Michael Tubbs  
16 participating in the march?

17 A. I believe he did, but as I said, I was  
18 about 50 feet back from the front, and I didn't --  
19 I don't have any firsthand knowledge of what  
20 happened in the front of the group.

21 Q. Did you see other individuals  
22 unaffiliated with League of the South at the  
23 march.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Did you see anyone from the

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Traditionalist Workers Party?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you see any from Vanguard America?

5 A. I don't recall seeing Vanguard America.

6 Q. Did you see anyone from the National  
7 Socialist Movement?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. The Loyal White Knights of the KKK?

10 A. No.

11 Q. What about the East Coast Knights of the  
12 KKK?

13 A. No.

14 Q. In the speech we just played, and we can  
15 pull it back up if you need, you said, "We're  
16 going to take that park."

17 What did you mean by "take that park"?

18 A. Go and occupy the space in the park. Go  
19 and stand where we were entitled to stand under  
20 the terms of our permit, and hear our speakers  
21 speak.

22 Q. Is standing in the park the same thing  
23 as taking the park?

24 A. I would say, yes.

25 Q. Did you intend to exclude others from

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 the park?

3 A. I had no intention of anything like  
4 that.

5 Q. Do you know if anyone in the League of  
6 the South intended to exclude people from the  
7 park?

8 A. I have no idea.

9 Q. Did you make it to the park?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Were you in the park?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you see individuals with shields  
14 guarding the park?

15 A. I'm going to clarify that. Guarding the  
16 stairwell to the park, because once we got in,  
17 Antifa, I think, was very unhappy that we were  
18 there, and we underwent an absolute barrage of  
19 projectiles.

20 So, yes, I did see the dozen shields  
21 that the League brought used for purely defensive  
22 purposes.

23 Q. I'm going to ask you a question that I  
24 just asked and you responded to.

25 I asked, "Do you know if anyone in the

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 League of the South intended to exclude people  
3 from the park?"

4 A. I have no idea about that.

5 Q. Didn't you just say that members of the  
6 League of the South had shields specifically for  
7 the purpose of keeping Antifa out?

8 A. Okay. I misunderstood.

9 I thought you meant were we just not  
10 going to let folks walk into the park with us.

11 They were assaulting us. So, yes, the  
12 shield carriers at that time used the shields in a  
13 defensive manner, to stop a completely riotous  
14 element of Antifa from, as you put it, joining us  
15 in the park.

16 Q. Was every counter-protestor a member of  
17 Antifa?

18 A. No. I saw others.

19 Q. And did you allow other protestors to  
20 enter the park?

21 A. No one tried to enter peacefully. They  
22 just allowed Antifa to assault us and assault us  
23 and assault us. I don't know if someone would  
24 have been asked to join us if they had tried to  
25 peacefully join us. I can't answer that question

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 because that never happened.

3 Q. Isn't it a fact that League of the South  
4 members used their shields not just defensively,  
5 but as battering rams to break through crowds of  
6 protestors?

7 A. I don't know anything about that.

8 Q. Isn't it a fact that members of the  
9 League of the South used their flagpoles to break  
10 through the crowd?

11 A. I was 50 feet back from the front. I  
12 don't know what happened there.

13 MS. LIVERZANI: Will you please pull up  
14 Tab 39?

15 MS. RUSE: Tab 39 is a video. Tab 39  
16 will be Exhibit 30.

17 (Exhibit 30 Plaintiffs, Video,  
18 "Ruptly," Unite the Right rally,  
19 was marked for the purposes of  
20 identification.)

21 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you go to  
22 the beginning of the video?

23 Ms. Ruse, I'm going to ask you to stop a  
24 couple times. So you can start the video, but  
25 I'm going to have you pause it.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. RUSE: Sure.

3 (Video played, then paused.)

4 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

5 Q. So, Mr. Baker, do you recognize this as  
6 the Unite the Right rally?

7 A. I'm sorry. Please repeat that.

8 Q. Do you recognize this as footage of the  
9 Unite the Right rally?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 MS. LIVERZANI: Would you please start  
12 the video?

13 (Video, Exhibit 30, resumed.)

14 MS. LIVERZANI: Mr. Ruse, you can pause  
15 it now.

16 (Video paused.)

17 MS. LIVERZANI: Thank you.

18 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

19 Q. Do you recognize individuals in this  
20 video wearing League of the South polo shirts?

21 A. I do see League of the South shirts,  
22 yes.

23 Q. And they're carrying League of the South  
24 flags?

25 A. I saw that also.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 MS. LIVERZANI: Can you please rewind  
3 the video about ten seconds?

4 (Video, Exhibit 30, played.)

5 MS. LIVERZANI: Ms. Ruse, can you let me  
6 have control of the screen?

7 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. What was the  
8 question?

9 MS. LIVERZANI: I'm just asking Ms. Ruse  
10 to give me control of the screen.

11 THE WITNESS: Okay.

12 MS. LIVERZANI: A little technical  
13 difficulties here.

14 MS. RUSE: Yes, hold on. I think you  
15 need to request it.

16 MS. LIVERZANI: I'm just going to do the  
17 screen share.

18 MS. RUSE: Okay.

19 MS. LIVERZANI: I want to make sure that  
20 the court reporter gets this video. It looks  
21 like we're having technical difficulties with  
22 the local copy.

23 BY MS. LIVERZANI:

24 Q. Mr. Baker, I'm just going to ask that  
25 you watch the beginning of this again.



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. All right.

3 Q. Were you able to see that all right,  
4 Mr. Baker?

5 A. Yes, I did see that.

6 Q. I'm just going to take you back to the  
7 beginning and ask you to identify some individuals  
8 if you can.

9 Is that Mr. Tubbs? (Indicating.)

10 A. It appears to be. I wouldn't be willing  
11 to swear on that.

12 Q. Do you know if he was leading the  
13 procession?

14 A. No. As I said, I was about 50 feet back  
15 from the front. I have no firsthand knowledge of  
16 these events.

17 Q. Is this a League of the South flag?  
18 (Indicating.)

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q. Would you agree that this individual is  
21 running into the crowd with the flag?

22 A. I would say that's subject to  
23 interpretation. He's certainly moving forward and  
24 he has the flag in his hands.

25 Q. All right. Thank you. I'm going to

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 take you -- is this man affiliated with the League  
3 of the South? (Indicating.)

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. Are these League of the South flags in  
6 the back?

7 A. They appear to be, yes.

8 Q. And is the gentleman on the far right  
9 wearing a League of the South shirt?  
10 (Indicating.)

11 A. Appears to be, yes.

12 Q. What about the man directly in front of  
13 him?

14 A. That one, I don't think so. That's not  
15 our -- that's not our emblem on the shirt that you  
16 asked me about.

17 Q. I'm getting ads.

18 A. Who's that?

19 Q. That's very good question. This is for  
20 four seconds.

21 A. Can we just watch this for a while  
22 instead of that street fight? I'm kidding.

23 Q. I think we can give up on the video.

24 A. Oh, boy.

25 You know, I understand you didn't ask a

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 question, so this is not an answer to a question.  
3 I was 40 to 50 feet back from the front  
4 of that formation, easily. I barely even was able  
5 to perceive that we stopped moving forward before  
6 we proceeded on into the park, so I don't have  
7 firsthand knowledge of what happened at all of  
8 that.

9 Q. You are aware, though, that at some  
10 point the rally became violent?

11 A. Certainly, I am, yes.

12 Q. And when you learned that it became  
13 violent, did you call the police?

14 A. The police were there.

15 Q. Did you go up to a police officer and  
16 talk to them?

17 A. I looked at one and I asked him, "How  
18 can you do this?"

19 I talked to Virginia State Police, "How  
20 can you allow this to happen?"

21 This was surreal. I mean, for the first  
22 time today, you're getting some animation out of  
23 me.

24 These were sworn law enforcement  
25 officers watching attacks take place on us and

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 letting it happen, watching it happen.

3 So did I pick up my phone and call the  
4 police? No. The police were there, ma'am.

5 Q. Did you consider retreating, since you  
6 were not getting assistance from the police?

7 A. To where? The Virginia State Police was  
8 behind us in the park. There was no getting out  
9 the back of the park. None. They had a riot line  
10 set up before that preplanned announcement from  
11 the governor declaring us a state of emergency.  
12 There was nowhere to go.

13 Q. I am going to rephrase my question,  
14 Mr. Baker, because I don't think you responded to  
15 it.

16 At any point, did you consider  
17 retreating?

18 A. Given the circumstances, no. And where  
19 would you propose we would have retreated to?

20 Q. There's no question pending, Mr. Baker.

21 A. Fair enough.

22 Q. At some point the police declared an  
23 unlawful assembly, correct?

24 A. That is correct.

25 Q. And at that point, League of the South

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 left?

3 A. I can't speak for the League of the  
4 South. I exited the park as quickly as I could  
5 because the Virginia State Police riot line was  
6 pushing us directly into Antifa, so I left while  
7 the getting was good.

8 Q. Did any other members of League of the  
9 South leave with you?

10 A. I can't answer that. I don't recall.

11 Q. Did you see any other members of the  
12 League of the South leaving?

13 A. I don't recall.

14 Q. It's your testimony that you don't  
15 recall if League of the South members left the  
16 park after it was declared an unlawful assembly?

17 A. Okay. Maybe I'm misunderstanding your  
18 question.

19 I exited the park -- as you're facing  
20 out of Lee Park, facing Market Street, I exited to  
21 the right, which seemed like the course of least  
22 resistance to get out of the riot.

23 I don't know what happened beyond that.  
24 Certainly, the League of the South individuals  
25 also left the park, but I don't know what route

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 they took, I don't know what happened to them.

3 Getting out of the park at that point  
4 seemed like the most prudent thing to do. So I  
5 took the quickest and most direct route out of the  
6 park, which was to the right, down Market Street  
7 where it curved to the right, and then I was  
8 completely out of the frame.

9 Q. And you're not aware if any members of  
10 the League of the South accompanied you?

11 A. I don't -- no, I don't recall any League  
12 of the South with me.

13 As far as walking together, could there  
14 have been some in the mass of people?

15 I was by no means alone. There was a  
16 mass of people that chose to exit that way,  
17 because the other way was directly through Antifa.  
18 There may very well have been other League  
19 members. I was not in communication with them at  
20 that point.

21 Q. Where did you go after you got out of  
22 the park and through the crowd of individuals?

23 A. I went down to where the street curved  
24 to the right. At that point it may have become  
25 something other than Market Street. I don't

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 recall.

3 I had transited probably, in a  
4 continuous curve, probably 90 to 120 degrees of  
5 curvature. So I could not see up Market Street  
6 anymore.

7 I had -- I stopped. And, at that point,  
8 there were a lot of people walking by me. None  
9 were Antifa. And that was the end of my  
10 participation in Unite the Right.

11 Q. Did you go back to the garage that was  
12 the staging point?

13 A. I didn't go directly back to the garage,  
14 although I was in and out of the garage a few  
15 times that afternoon.

16 I did my best to gather up our  
17 stragglers and get them safely out of harm's way.  
18 So I was in and out of the parking garage, but I  
19 was not involved in any of the activities that  
20 took place there after the Unite the Right rally.

21 Q. Other individuals from League of the  
22 South were in the garage, as well, correct?

23 A. Tell me, when do you mean? After we  
24 were driven out of Lee Park?

25 Q. Yes.

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 A. I can't speak firsthand because it was  
3 quite awhile before I got back to the garage.  
4 But, yes, that's where the vehicles were. That's  
5 where everybody needed to get to to get out of  
6 Charlottesville and, at that point, getting out of  
7 Charlottesville was our priority.

8 Q. Any of the times you were going in and  
9 out of the garage after the rally, did you see any  
10 members of League of the South in the garage?

11 A. Up on the deck where we had our cars, I  
12 did, because some people did manage to straggle  
13 back to the parking garage on their own, but I  
14 don't recall who it would have been.

15 Q. Are you aware that an individual named  
16 DeAndre Harris was attacked by a group of Unite  
17 the Right attendees in the garage?

18 A. I'm aware of that now. I was not aware  
19 of that then.

20 Q. Are you aware that League of the South  
21 members were involved in the attack?

22 A. I've become aware of it since. I was  
23 not aware of it then.

24 Q. Did you attend any events that evening?

25 A. No.



1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 Q. Did you meet up with your fellow League  
3 of the South members for socializing or for beer?

4 A. No. I had taken an injury in  
5 Charlottesville and I kept to myself because I  
6 could barely walk.

7 Q. Did you seek medical attention?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you report your injury to the  
10 police?

11 A. No.

12 MS. LIVERZANI: Can we pull up Tab 32,  
13 please? I'm sorry. I apologize. It's Tab  
14 31. Not 32. My apologies.

15 (Exhibit 31 Plaintiffs, Michael  
16 Hill, 8-12-17, Tweet, no Bates  
17 stamps, was marked for the purposes  
18 of identification.)

19 MS. RUSE: No problem.

20 Q. This is a tweet from Michael Hill dated  
21 August 12th, 2017. That's the date of the  
22 Charlottesville rally, correct?

23 A. Yes, that's the same date.

24 Q. And Michael Hill writes, "The League of  
25 the South had a good day in Charlottesville,

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs  
2 Virginia. Our warriors acquitted themselves as  
3 men. God be praised!"

4 Is that what it says?

5 A. That is exactly what it says.

6 Q. Do you agree with Mr. Hill that the  
7 League of the South had a good day in  
8 Charlottesville?

9 A. Speaking for myself, I do not.

10 MS. LIVERZANI: Thank you. I have no  
11 further questions.

12 MS. RUSE: Tab 31 was Exhibit 31.

13 MR. JONES: I don't have any questions  
14 either.

15 MR. CAMPBELL: This is Dave Campbell.  
16 No questions.

17 THE COURT REPORTER: Are we ready to go  
18 off the record?

19 MS. LIVERZANI: We're ready to go off  
20 the record.

21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 2:27 p.m.  
22 We're off record.

23 THE COURT REPORTER: Ms. Liverzani, do  
24 you want to have this transcript transcribed?

25 MS. LIVERZANI: I'm sorry. What was

1 R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

2 that?

3 THE COURT REPORTER: Do you want to have  
4 this transcript transcribed?

5 MS. LIVERZANI: What do you mean?

6 THE COURT REPORTER: You have a standing  
7 order. Never mind.

8 Mr. Campbell, do you want a copy of the  
9 transcript?

10 MR. CAMPBELL: No, ma'am. I'm not  
11 ordering at this time. Thank you.

12 THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Jones, do you  
13 want a copy of the transcript?

14 MR. JONES: Yes, but just regular  
15 delivery, please.

16 (Deposition concluded at 2:20 p.m.)

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ROBERT (IKE) BAKER, f/n/a ISAACS

21 Subscribed and sworn to

22 before me this day

23 of , 2020.

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R. (Ike) Baker, f/n/a Isaacs

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STATE OF KENTUCKY,       )  
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I, Deborah C. Furey, a Notary Public within and  
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qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
witness was first duly sworn to testify the truth, the  
whole truth, and nothing but the truth; that the  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
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*Deborah Furey*

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